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Cleric labels Iran system dictatorship

ATTACK Iran's most senior dissident cleric yesterday criticized the ruling system under Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as a dictatorship in the name of Islam, the most serious attack on the country's top official following the disputed presidential election.

Grand Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri said the ruling system showed its true nature with the violent crackdown against those who protested President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's re-election and the torture of detainees that led to at least three deaths.

Montazeri's comments are significant because although criticism of ruling figures has increased following the June election, public attacks against Khamenei are rare.

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Spain **Wow! She could have had a V8**

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A woman plays with tomato pulp yesterday during the annual Tomatina tomato fight fiesta in the village of Bunol, near Valencia, Spain. Bunol town hall officials estimated more than 40,000 people, some from as far away as Japan and Australia, took up arms with 100 tons of tomatoes in the annual food fight, now in its 64th year.

Midnight roam

Fence cut at High Park zoo, animals eventually corralled

The llamas are no longer on the lam and the yak came back.

But few knew the animals had been roaming free in High Park just hours before.

Police were called to the Animal Paddocks in High Park around 1 a.m. yesterday, when an officer on patrol found several locks and chains broken and a fence cut and pried open, said Sgt. John Thibodeau.

A yak stayed close to its pen and was easily ushered back in, but the llamas took more effort. Police had to use the yellow caution tape typically used in crime scenes and food as bait to round them up and contain them. A wallaby was also safely corralled in the pre-dawn roundup.

The animals grazed on nearby trees until the zookeeper arrived at about 5 a.m. and herded the animals back into their pens, Thibodeau said.

All the animals are safe, zookeepers said.

Police are checking the tapes from surveillance cameras in hopes of catching the culprit or culprits.

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Bolt cutters

- Police say bolt cutters were used to cut through fences to free the animals at about 1 a.m.

Canadians remember Kennedy

Prominent Canadians paid tribute to Ted Kennedy as a longstanding ally of this country, full of admiration for Canadian policies on everything from medicare to the refusal to invade Iraq.

Kennedy died Tuesday night at the age of 77.

One former ambassador to Washington said it felt like there was a "brotherly Canadian" sitting in U.S. Congress.

Former prime minister Brian Mulroney recalled how the dean of the Senate swam against the tide of public opinion in his own country, offering rare support for a single-payer health system like Canada's. He also described Kennedy as an ally in the fight for economic sanctions against South Africa's apartheid regime, and on environmental issues.

Raymond Chretien, the former Canadian ambassador to the U.S., suggested Kennedy should almost be considered an honorary Canadian.

"It's almost as if he were a brotherly Canadian in the American Senate," Chretien said. "He was a good supporter of our issues."

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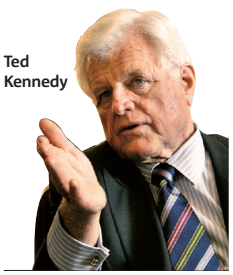

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Bill Clinton still expected Saturday at the CNE

Bill Clinton will make a speech at the Canadian National Exhibition Saturday, even though the funeral of U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy, a U.S. Democratic party icon, will be held that morning, a CNE spokesperson said yesterday. "At this point, there's no equivocation," Chris McDowall said after CNE officials consulted Clinton representatives. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Local

Drunk driver gets two weeks in jail

A drunk driver who had almost five times the legal blood-alcohol level when he backed into a gas pump in Sarnia has been jailed for two weeks. Peter Dreseris, 57, a former Sarnia resident living in Hamilton, had pleaded guilty to impaired driving. He was also placed on probation for 12 months and banned from driving for 18 months. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Union Station gets $137M makeover

TTC officials vote to approve second platform, brighter look by 2014

Toronto Transit Commission councillors approved a $137.5-million makeover of the TTC's Union Station yesterday, including a second subway platform, expanded entry points to accommodate double the current number of passengers, and a brighter look.

Financed by Waterfront Toronto, the renovation is to begin next year, with completion expected in 2014.

At 6.9 metres wide, the Union Station platform is among the narrowest in the city's subway system because of structural restrictions of the 1927 station.

The new platforms will be about 10 metres wide and better able to cope with the surge of riders that arrives at rush hours and before and after big events at the Air Canada Centre and Rogers Centre, said TTC chair Adam Giambrone.

The biggest challenge of the project will be keeping the station operational during construction and co-ordinating work on the platforms with other work going on at Union over the same period.

The project will have to be carefully staged, and in some cases construction will take place in small areas, according to transit officials.

The TTC project is in addition to a $640-million facelift of the main Union Station, slated for completion in 2015, and an expanded streetcar loop, the total cost of which still isn't known.

Currently, riders boarding the Yonge and Spadina subway lines at Union do so from a single central platform. A second platform will be built to the south, with a direct connection to the underground streetcar station that will accommodate LRT passengers heading to new development along the waterfront.

Transit commissioners approved $11 million in initial expenses for design and engineering of the streetcar loop that enters Union Station underground from the waterfront line on Queen's Quay.

The plan would expand the streetcar platforms so two, or conceivably three, vehicles can be boarding passengers at one time, said Giambrone.

The project will probably begin next year, and "it's going to be designed so it can be expanded," he said.

When the waterfront is fully refurbished, five per cent of the TTC's ridership will ride those lakeshore routes — more than the Spadina streetcar currently carries, Giambrone said.

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'Abductee' released on $20K bail

CHARGES Handcuffed and humiliated, the University of Toronto student who police allege faked his own kidnapping gingerly stepped into the prisoner's box. His hair dishevelled and his eyes cast to the floor, Furqan Muhammad-Haroon didn't look at his family when they entered the Scarborough courtroom.

An anonymous caller contacted police Tuesday after spotting the 22-year-old missing man in St. Catharines. Muhammad-Haroon has been charged with mischief and spent the night in jail.

Yesterday, Muhammad-Haroon was released on $20,000 bail, with his mother and one of his brothers acting as sureties.

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Campaign Torontonians not cold all the time

JOHN R. KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

This Bud Light billboard can be seen at the northwest corner of Adelaide and John streets. It's a response to a recent Coors Light billboard campaign in B.C. claiming the beer is "colder than most people in Toronto." Coors Light has since halted the campaign.

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HIV-positive man charged with aggravated assault

Toronto police have charged a man with aggravated assault after he allegedly had unprotected sex with a woman without telling her he had been diagnosed with HIV. Lester Felix, 28, of Toronto faces one count of aggravated assault. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontario students can't do the math?

Education minister downplays lower testing scores by Grade 6 children

More Ontario children made the grade in the 3 Rs this year, with 67 per cent of elementary students scoring a B on the latest province-wide tests, edging closer to Queen's Park's goal of 75 per cent clearing the bar.

But new tracking data by the province's testing body shows wild variation in how some pupils did over the past three years — with thousands pulling up their socks from Grade 3 to Grade 6 to Grade 9; thousands more falling below the mark and even more who stayed the same at either end of the scale.

More students saw their scores slip from Grade 3 to 6 in math than in reading or writing. A full 14 per cent of students met the standard in Grade 3 math but did not meet it by Grade 6. At the same time, 9 per cent did the opposite — pulled up their scores to a B between the two grades.

38 In the more hands-on 'applied' level of Grade 9 math, 38 per cent of students met the standard, up 4 percentage points over last year.

"Grade 6 math involves more complex reasoning and problem-solving than the more fundamental skills of Grade 3," said professor Michael Fullan, Premier Dalton McGuinty's adviser on education.

And the complex problems of Grade 6 math often involve language as well as numbers, he added, which can pose a challenge to students who struggle with English.

Education Minister Kathleen Wynne said the province is offering more teacher training in math, but hailed the scores overall as good news.

"We're the only Western jurisdiction that has had six years of steady improvement — and unlike other countries and even parts of Canada, Ontario's standard is a grade of B, not just a pass," said Wynne. "There are areas we need to focus on, particularly math, but overall, what we're doing is working." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

HANDOUT

Arvin Ross and Cindy Sukhram

Magical marriage proposal

YOUTUBE After teasing his girlfriend with a couple of fake proposals, Arvin Ross turned to an unlikely source for the real thing. Magic.

Ross, 27, and Cindy Sukhram, 26, were watching a magic show in front of the Toronto Harbourfront Centre when Ross placed his hand over the magician's cup and made his "fondest wish."

It was just after work on a Thursday and a small crowd had gathered to watch magician Dan Trommater's simple but stupefying tricks.

When Trommater lifted the cup to reveal a small red box — the kind engagement rings come in — the people standing behind Sukhram knew exactly what was going on.

The YouTube video shows her covering her mouth and taking a step back. "Oh my God, are you serious?" she says.

She looks at Ross. Then she looks at Trommater.

It takes her a moment before she blurts out the three-letter-word Ross is waiting to hear: Yes.

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Arvin Ross' magical marriage proposal visit: **metronews.ca/local**

Children developing image issues: Study

HEALTH A new study of some 4,200 Nova Scotia kids shows that children as young as 10 and 11 are getting in on the weight-watching act, with many saying their happiness can hinge on being supermodel slender or built like Tom Cruise.

"They're so young and they're already struggling with these things." Study author, Paul Veugelers

"That's what's so new about this study; we know this relationship between body weight and body satisfaction ... from adults or older adolescents," says Paul Veugelers, a University of Alberta public health researcher and senior study author.

Published today in the online journal BMC Public Health and based on surveys of Grade 5 children across Nova Scotia, it showed a disturbing number were concerned about their weight.

"Being very unhappy with your body is just not a good thing. They're so young and they're already struggling with these things," Veugelers said.

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News in brief

TELEMARKETING The CRTC was accused yesterday of going after small fry telemarketers rather than the big fish after publicly naming and fining a Toronto weight loss clinic and roofing and masonry firms for violating the National Do-Not-Call List. It is the first time the CRTC has enforced the rules by publicly naming violators, but critics say it falls far short of what consumers were expecting. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Media gets tongue-lashing

OSHAWA Kiss frontman Gene Simmons insists — strongly — that his fans in Oshawa, Ont., weren't being snubbed or overlooked when the band charted its upcoming North American tour.

The band had no intentions of going back on its agreement to give Oshawa a special show, to reward the city's fans for winning a contest on the official Kiss website.

Kiss had a surprise in mind for Oshawa all along, but the media crashed the party and ruined the idea, Simmons said yesterday during a testy interview with The Canadian Press.

"I'm really pissed off at the media for creating this nonsense," a sharp-tongued Simmons said.

"Now the story's going to come out as a kind of, 'Gene is complaining about the media' (story) — you're God damn right I am."

Earlier this year, Kiss asked fans to go to their website and vote for their hometown to be included in the band's next big tour, with the promise of a concert for the leading vote-getter.

Oshawa finished first among all cities, but when the dates for their tour were announced this week, the city was left off the list, without explanation.

When asked to respond to the apparent snub, the band's management said the city was skipped for logistical reasons but promised Oshawa would get something special in the future. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Gene Simmons

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15-year-old dead after car crash

A 15-year-old is dead after the driver of the car he was riding in lost control, rolling the vehicle in York Region. Around 3 a.m. yesterday four male teenagers from the Thornhill area were in an Acura when it crashed on a rural, two-lane road, west of Aurora. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

John Tavares fight **Not in the cards**

JIM RANKIN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

John Tavares, left, and new Tampa Bay defenceman Victor Hedman ham it up during a photo shoot. Fourteen of the NHL's newest recruits posed for the Upper Deck trading card company at a practice pad at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga, yesterday.

Facebook falls in line

Announcement expected today on privacy issues

What happens on Facebook is expected to impact other social networking sites when it comes to respecting their users' privacy.

Canada's privacy commissioner is set to announce today how the globally popular Facebook will comply with privacy concerns. Other social networking sites should look at the Facebook case to see what needs to be done to improve their own privacy practices, said Tamir Israel of the Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic.

"This sets a standard," Israel said yesterday.

"Facebook was pretty high profile, so I think it would be enough to get their attention and get them to comply."
Tamir Israel of the Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic.

"Facebook was pretty high profile, so I think it would be enough to get their attention and get them to comply," he said from Ottawa.

The criticism of Facebook's privacy practices made headlines around the world last month.

Federal privacy commissioner Jennifer Stoddart has said Facebook breaches Canada's privacy law by keeping a user's personal information indefinitely — even after some members close their accounts.

Facebook has almost 12 million Canadian users and 250 million worldwide, allowing family and friends to keep in touch by updating their page.

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Premier Dalton McGuinty met with his caucus yesterday to clear the air on the proposed HST.

McGuinty battles MPPs grumbling on new HST

TAX The 13 per cent harmonized sales tax is set in stone, Premier Dalton McGuinty has warned Liberal MPPs in a special caucus meeting on the controversial new levy.

Amid rumblings of dissent about the tax that takes effect next July 1 — including from some Liberals who privately complain it should be cut to 12 per cent to make it more politically palatable — McGuinty yesterday said it's full steam ahead with the 13 per cent solution to Ontario's economic woes.

As Liberal MPPs gathered yesterday for a special caucus meeting on the HST at Bay Street's First Canadian Place, McGuinty said he is resisting pressure to revamp the levy that melds the 8 per cent provincial sales tax with the 5 per cent federal goods and services tax.

"We have a plan in place and we're going to stick to that plan," he told reporters, touting the tax reform as key to cutting costs for business to help create jobs.

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Annex shooting suspect in court

CRIME The man accused in the shooting death of 23-year-old Sebastian Herrera last month made a court appearance yesterday.

Police said Marvin Jarrett, 22, will be remanded in custody and is expected to make another court appearance in the fall. Jarrett was arrested Tuesday.

Jarrett

Herrera and his girlfriend were confronted by a man in the Annex in the early hours of July 25. After robbing him of his beaded crucifix necklace, the man shot Herrera and fled in a waiting vehicle.

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Skater Stojko back after soul-searching

Figure skater Elvis Stojko has officially returned to the rink with what he says is a different perspective on the sport and himself. "This is the first time I've been back in front of an audience in about three years," Stojko, 37, said yesterday of his recent performances at the Canadian National Exhibition. "It feels really good." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Woman describes Kenyan ordeal

A Commons committee heard tearful pleas yesterday from a Canadian woman who was stranded for months in Kenya, accused of being an impostor.

Suaad Hagi Mohamud wept openly as she told the foreign affairs committee how she was thrown into a small cell, where she encountered other women, some with children.

"I would never have believed that I would go to jail for saying that I am a Canadian citizen," Mohamud told the committee.

She urged parliamentarians to find a way to prevent something similar happening to any other Canadian, and wondered aloud how many others still face a similar plight.

Mohamud also demanded an apology from Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon for her treatment and suggestions that she might have been an impostor.

Suaad Hagi Mohamud

On July 24, in response to a question about the case, Cannon said there was "no tangible proof of her identity," a statement made even though Mohamud had presented multiple pieces of Canadian identification and even carried Canadian Tire money in her wallet.

"Not everyone will be so lucky to have so much help (to return home)," she said. "How many people are standing out there like I was?"

In fact, at least one other person is dealing with a similar situation.

Abdihakim Mohammed, an autistic 25-year-old Somali-Canadian has been unable to leave Kenya for three years after officials determined he didn't look like his passport photo.

Mohamud, 31, arrived in Toronto Aug. 15, after DNA tests finally proved her identity.

She had been barred from leaving Kenya after authorities said her lips did not look the way they did in her four-year-old passport photo.

Mohamud is suing Ottawa for $2.5 million for her ordeal. Her supporters have also called for a public inquiry and apology from the federal government.

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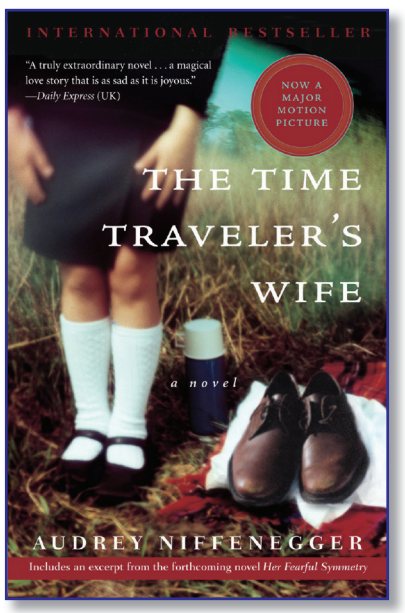

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Police investigate the scene of a suspected suicide yesterday on the Don Valley Parkway under the Millwood Road overpass. The DVP southbound was closed for investigation.

Butter artists keep chillin' and churnin'

THE EX Olenka Kleban and Tim Manalo may have the coolest job at the Canadian National Exhibition.

While fairgoers broiled in the midday heat yesterday, the pair of OCAD students were enclosed in a walk-in cooler, sculpting blocks of butter into works of art.

"The more you handle it, the more it melts ..."
Tim Manalo, artist

They spend about seven hours a day inside the box, which is chilled to about 10 C, emerging occasionally for breaks, while spectators watch them through a glass wall.

This year, the Ex's butter sculptures must follow an outer space theme. Kleban, 22, opted to create a statue of a sitting Yoda. Manalo, 21, went for a riff on American Gothic, with aliens subbing for the farmers.

"It was kind of an easy theme," he said. "The farm and aliens — they've always been related in popular culture."

The pair compared the unusual medium to clay.

"It's similar, but it has its own qualities," Kleban said.

For one, it responds to heat.

"The more you handle it, the more it melts, which can be a good thing and a bad thing," Manalo said. "When it's harder, it's tougher to work with."

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News in brief

RENTALS A warning for those looking online for apartments for rent — ensure the advertiser actually owns the place. That's what Toronto police are warning after a 35-year-old man was arrested for renting an apartment and collecting the rent money — for a space he did not own. Police allege the man posted several advertisements online through Craigslist.ca for the rental of a condominium apartment near Yonge Street and Sheppard Avenue West. The man successfully rented the apartment and began collecting the rent money, however, the man was not the owner of the apartment, nor did he have the legal authorization from the owner of the unit to rent it to any other person. Hung (Joseph) Nguyen, 35, of Toronto is charged with fraud under $5,000.

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Home, sweet home

Senior in limbo finally finds T.O.

Bob Lance has found his home at last — Toronto.

Months in limbo ended when he was spotted disoriented on a Montana highway.

Nobody can say how he made his way from Seattle to Billings. Not even Lance.

When police found him on Interstate 90 in May, the 80-year-old retired labourer could say hardly anything at all.

"He could say his first name but not consistently," said Jonalyn Brown, a Montana speech expert.

But Brown helped Lance figure out who he was.

And Brown watched Monday as Lance was reunited with family members who hadn't heard from him in 20 years.

"Hiya, sweet cheeks, how are you?" said his younger sister, Pat Lance, at the Billings airport.

Lance suffers from global aphasia, a condition that scrambles the part of the brain that processes language.

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Reunited: Bob Lance 80, and his sisters Pat Lance 69, centre, and Doris Dixon 79, laugh together in Billings, Montana.

"He could say his first name but not consistently."
Jonalyn Brown

As Brown worked with Lance to restore his speech, she found out he was from Toronto.

Lance was born in Michigan but was raised in Canada. He left for the U.S. at age 40 because he wanted adventure.

He worked as a labourer until he fell in love with a woman in Seattle and settled down — until she died.

Now Lance will live with Pat and Doris in Toronto.

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Woman settles with Edmonton police over injuries during potential riot

A settlement has been reached between the Edmonton police force and a woman who was handcuffed and hurt during a potential riot following a June 2006 NHL Edmonton Oilers playoff game. Kristin Wilson has dropped her civil suit in exchange for an undisclosed amount of money. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Women ski jumpers file appeal

A group of women ski jumpers appealed a court decision late Tuesday that prevents them from competing at the 2010 Winter Olympics. The women filed their argument in B.C. Court of Appeal, claiming the organizers of the Vancouver Games must abide by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. A three-judge panel will hear the appeal arguments in Vancouver Nov. 12-13. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Suspects lose contact bid

Couple not allowed to communicate with remaining kids

A Montreal couple accused of killing three of their daughters and the man's first wife have lost a bid to maintain some contact with three of their other children.

Mohammed Shafia and his wife, Tooba Mohammed Yahya, sat quietly as they appeared in a Kingston bail court Tuesday.

A court order prohibiting the pair from communicating with each other or their eldest son and co-accused, 18-year-old Hamed Shafia, remains in effect.

The son was not in court with his parents, but is scheduled to make a bail court appearance by video-link tomorrow.

All three are charged with four counts of first-degree murder and matching counts of conspiracy to commit murder in the deaths of three of the family's daughters, 19-year-old Zainab Shafia, 17-year-old Sahar, 13-year-old Geeti and 50-year-old Rona Amir Mohammed.

Their bodies were pulled from the Rideau Canal near Kingston on June 30 after a car was discovered submerged near one of the locks.

Earlier this month, defence lawyers convinced the court to allow the parents and children to speak, providing that permission could be obtained from child protection authorities in Montreal.

But on Tuesday, a Justice of the Peace rescinded the exemption.

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Mohammed Shafia is escorted by police into the Ontario Court of Justice in Kingston. Shafia, his wife, Tooba Mohammed Yahya, and their 18-year-old son, Hamed Mohammed Shafia, have been charged with first-degree murder of the family's three daughters and a woman found in a canal at the Kingston Mills Locks.

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Regardless of what the central bank says or does, the Canadian currency is likely headed for parity with the U.S. greenback once again, analysts say.

Deputy governor Timothy Lane's warning the bank is prepared to revert to quantitative easing to rein in a persistently strong dollar had an immediate effect on trading Tuesday afternoon, said currency analyst David Watt of RBC Capital Markets.

The dollar weakened after the remarks were posted on the Bank of Canada website, closing down 0.75 cents for the day. The loonie continued its descent yesterday, closing at 91.09 cents US, down 1.01 cents. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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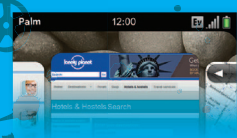

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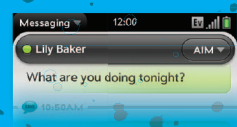

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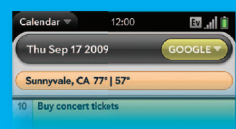

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A 1996 Election Act law that bans government ministries from releasing information during byelections is crimping efforts to communicate with people in Saskatchewan's two largest cities, Saskatoon and Regina, because byelections have been in called there for Sept. 21. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Task force to look into murdered, missing women

MANITOBA Justice officials in Manitoba are forming a joint police unit to review dozens of unsolved cases as outrage over the increasing number of missing and murdered women in the province grows louder.

The unit — made up of three RCMP officers, two RCMP analysts and four Winnipeg police officers — will look at unsolved homicide and missing person cases involving women, some of which date back to 1966.

Wilson

Public pressure has been escalating since the discovery of another young aboriginal woman's body outside of Winnipeg last week.

The death of 18-year-old Hillary Angel Wilson comes one month after her 17-year-old friend, Cherisse Houle, was found dead in a creek.

Although some called the task force a good first step, many worried it was little more than a public relations move. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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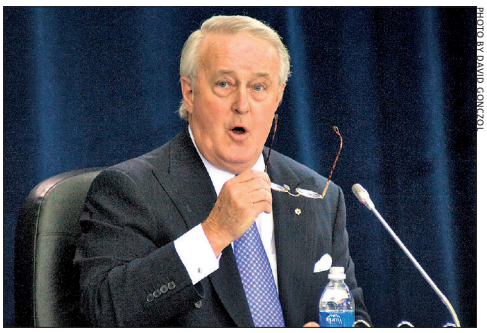
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Former prime minister Brian Mulroney testifies at the Oliphant inquiry into his dealings with Karlheinz Schreiber in May.

Mulroney calls for Tory unity

Brian Mulroney has made his first public comments about a high-profile rift that emerged in the Conservative party — and he's urging party unity.

In an interview with The Canadian Press, the former prime minister said Conservatives needed to put recent differences aside and stick together.

"Obviously it's in the interests of all Conservatives — Progressive Conservatives and the latter-day group — to come together in support of common principles," Mulroney said yesterday.

Mulroney was the central player in a dispute that erupted this spring between party brass and his supporters, who felt he had been treated shabbily by the party. Now Mulroney hopes a party in his honour will help heal the wounds.

A group of friends, including Quebec Premier Jean Charest and some federal MPs, will next month celebrate the 25th anniversary of Mulroney's first landslide election win.

Mulroney says he's looking forward to the fete.

"This is an evening of friendship, so everybody's welcome. I even expect to meet some of my old Liberal friends there," he said.

When asked whether Prime Minister Stephen Harper would attend the Montreal gathering, Mulroney replied: "I have no idea what his plans are."

"I have no idea what his plans are."
Mulroney on whether Stephen Harper would attend a party in his honour

Harper issued an arms-length policy on Mulroney while his dealings with lobbyist Karlheinz Schreiber were under investigation.

After that senior members of Harper's team spread the word that Mulroney no longer had a valid party membership card, and therefore no longer a Conservative member.

That gesture infuriated the former prime minister and his allies. Some of them responded by eagerly leaking details to the press about private party discussions.

Mulroney had not commented publicly on the spat. Although, during his testimony before an inquiry into his business dealings, he took some veiled shots at Harper. Those barbs included an allusion to the Tories' poor election performance in Quebec last year, which likely cost them a majority government. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

NOVA SCOTIA The Nova Scotia government hopes a new program will attract young immigrants to a province grappling with an aging population and a reputation tainted by an immigration program fraught with financial irregularities. Provincial Immigration Minister Ramona Jennex said non-dependent children of immigrants already living in Nova Scotia will be able to apply for residency more easily through the program. The minister admitted the plan might also help turn the page on a previous program that failed to provide new immigrants who had paid up to $130,500 with promised on-the-job training.

ALBERTA Residents of two communities in central Alberta will soon find out if their villages will be downgraded to hamlets. Alberta Municipal Affairs is undertaking a study into the future of Gadsby and Donalda. The provincial government has said about 60 of Alberta's 359 municipalities are ailing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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You are what someone else eats

Want to lose weight? Stay away from your skinny friends who chomp on cheeseburgers and the obese ones who peck away at salads.

A new study conducted by marketing experts at the University of British Columbia, Arizona State University and Duke University has come up with findings on how the weight of the person next to us influences how much we eat.

Participants tended to mimic the choices of a thin person, and make different choices from a heavy person, the study found. If they saw a skinny person choose a large portion of food, they were likely to follow suit. But if they saw a heavy person take a small portion of food, they were likely to take a larger portion themselves. The three-year study was conducted with the help of a skinny UBC student and her obese alter ego in a prosthetic suit.

The researchers used the ruse of a study of the movie I, Robot to bring in students to ask them questions about the film. In fact, the study was to test the food choices people made while watching a skinny or fat person ahead of them choose food before the movie started.

Professor Gavan Fitzsimons at Duke University said the study was conducted because people often dine in social settings.

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Alberta hits record $7B deficit

ECONOMY Alberta's energy boom gone bust has left the province with a record $7 billion deficit and if natural gas prices continue to fall, there could be even more red ink. Finance Minister Iris Evans has ordered provincial bureaucrats to find $430 million in program savings, but so far no one is talking about tax increases or job cuts.

"Global economic turmoil is deeper and more sustained and natural gas prices are lower than originally forecast and the result is a higher deficit than we predicted," Evans said yesterday.

The new deficit number included in Alberta's first-quarter update is $2 billion more than the original budget forecast. Premier Ed Stelmach announced Tuesday that Alberta's financial pain would likely continue for at least two years after the recession ends.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

New charges laid against Ottawa motorist

TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

COLLISION An Ottawa driver appeared in court yesterday to face five additional charges in relation to the collision that injured five cyclists last month.

Yesterday, police charged Sommit Luangpakham, 45, with five counts of dangerous operation of motor vehicle causing bodily harm.

The new charges, which are a result of further review, are in addition to the five counts of failure to stop at a collision that the man already faces.

Just before 8 a.m. on July 19, a minivan struck a group of five cyclists near an intersection.

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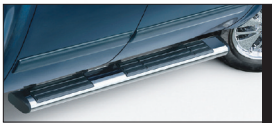

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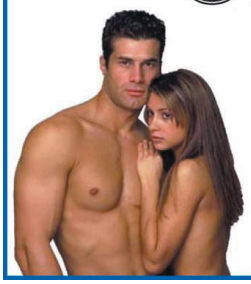

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Credit counselling could face problems

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A group representing non-profit credit counselling agencies across Canada says the banks are dismantling a national donation program and moving instead to a one-on-one system that could mean more red tape and increased costs.

Credit Counselling Canada (CCC) says the current program, where banks donate money to help it offer counselling and education programs for consumers, is winding down at the end of October.

CCC director Scott Hannah said once the current program ends his group will have to negotiate separate donation agreements with each of the 19 banks and other financial institutions it currently deals with in Canada.

"It's disappointing," said Hannah of the upcoming change.

"Before, we had a national agreement where all banks agreed to the same conditions and standards. Now, they will have to negotiate with our national association on a one-on-one basis."

A national donation program that had banks fund non-profit credit counseling programs is being dismantled.

The program has been administered by the Canadian Bankers Association, which will step away from that role altogether as of Nov. 1.

Hannah is concerned the new system will mean a lot more administration work for his non-profit organization, take more time and cost more to handle.

What's more, there is a concern that the CCC could receive fewer funds overall.

He said the association is currently talking to individual banks about how to go forward with the new system, and how it will work.

"Our hope is that we are going to have a similar type of agreement that will allow our members to continue on with their good work both proactively and from a rehabilitation standpoint," Hannah said.

CCC represents nine non-profit credit counselling agencies, each with offices throughout Canada.

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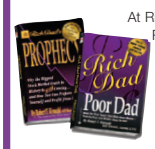

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Kennedy to be laid to rest at Arlington
U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, who died late Tuesday night of brain cancer, will be buried near his assassinated brothers John F., and Robert Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Deputy says governor needs to resign

South Carolina's lieutenant governor says embattled Governor Mark Sanford, left, needs to resign. Lt. Gov. Andre Bauer said if Sanford steps down, he will renew his offer to stay out of the 2010 gubernatorial race. Sanford's term ends in January 2011. Bauer says he tried to give his fellow Republican the benefit of the doubt after he admitted an extramarital affair with an Argentine woman. But the lieutenant governor says the state has been paralyzed by questions about the legality of Sanford's travel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

ESCAPE A French security agent kidnapped by insurgents in Somalia last month says he escaped while his captors slept. He says he then walked five hours through Mogadishu, one of the most dangerous cities in the world, to safety at the country's presidential palace. Marc Aubriere was seized along with another agent on July 14. He denies reports that he killed any of his captors during his escape.

VENEZUELA President Hugo Chavez said Tuesday that Venezuela is preparing to break off diplomatic relations with Colombia over the neighbouring country's plan to give American troops greater access to its military bases. Chavez said that "there's no possibility" of repairing relations with the government of Colombian President Alvaro Uribe and that he instructed his foreign minister to "begin preparing for the rupture with Colombia." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kennedy's highs and lows

U.S. senator remembered as effective politician who never escaped scandal

Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, the last surviving brother in an enduring U.S. political dynasty and one of the most influential senators in history, died Tuesday night at his home on Cape Cod after a yearlong struggle with brain cancer. He was 77.

In nearly 50 years in the Senate, Kennedy, a liberal Democrat, served alongside 10 presidents — his brother John Fitzgerald Kennedy among them — compiling an impressive list of legislative achievements on health care, civil rights, education, immigration and more.

In a brief statement to reporters, U.S. President Barack Obama eulogized Kennedy as one of the "most accomplished Americans" in history — and a man whose work in Congress helped give millions new opportunities.

"Including myself," added the nation's first black president.

Kennedy's only run for the White House ended in defeat in 1980, when President Jimmy Carter turned back his challenge for the party's nomination. More than a quarter-century later, he handed then-Sen. Obama an endorsement at a critical point in the campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination, explicitly likening the young contender to president Kennedy.

To the public, Kennedy was best known as the last surviving son of America's most glamorous political family, father figure and, memorably, eulogist of an Irish-American clan plagued again and again by tragedy.

But his career was forever marred by an accident at Chappaquiddick in 1969, when a car he was driving plunged off a bridge, killing a woman. On the night of July 18, 1969, Kennedy drove his car off a bridge and into a pond on Martha's Vineyard.

Mary Jo Kopechne, a 28-year-old campaign worker, was found dead in the submerged car's back seat 10 hours later. Kennedy, then 37, pleaded guilty to leaving the scene of an accident and received a two-month suspended sentence and a year's probation.

Kennedy was first elected to the Senate in 1962, serving longer than all but two senators in history. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eulogy

- A White House official says U.S. President Barack Obama will deliver a eulogy at Sen. Edward Kennedy's funeral Mass Saturday in Boston.

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This undated file photo shows the Kennedy brothers; John F. Kennedy, left, Robert Kennedy, and Edward Kennedy, right.

Kennedy spanned partisan divide

CONDOLENCES U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy was a Democrat's Democrat, so much so that he became an object of derision for Republican opponents. Yet his capability to span the partisan divide prompted an outpouring of condolences following his death. "Given our political differences, people are sometimes surprised by how close Ronnie and I have been to the Kennedy family," Nancy Reagan, widow of former president Ronald Reagan, said. "But Ronnie and Ted could always find common ground, and they had great respect for one another." Republican California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, whose wife, Maria Shriver, was Kennedy's niece, said in a statement: "He was known as ... a champion of social justice. Most importantly, he was the rock of our family." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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No prison for pot possession

Argentina's Supreme Court judges said the government should go after major pot traffickers and provide treatment to consumers, not jail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Athens fires destroy 60 homes, damage 150

Fires around the Greek capital were put out or contained to tiny areas yesterday, after razing 210 square kilometres of forest and hillside scrub.

Rodopoli, a small town about 20 kilometres north of Athens, was one of about a dozen areas hard hit by the devastating wildfires. Up to 60 homes were destroyed and another 150 seriously damaged, according to an initial estimate.

The fires overwhelmingly spared the cinder block-built homes on the outskirts of Athens, including luxury villas owned by some of the city's wealthiest residents.

After five days of destruction, black spikes replaced trees and the hills were dusted in grey soot.

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A man stands amid the wreckage of his burned home Tuesday in the village of Stamata, north of Athens.

It was the most destructive blaze in decades in the Attica region, and the worst in Greece since the 2007 wildfires that killed 76 people while blackening 2,750 square kilometres.

During this week's fires, many homeowners defended their property using garden hoses and even branches to ward off the flames. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

TAIWAN A group of Taiwan officials — all from the opposition Democratic Progressive Party — said yesterday the Dalai Lama has accepted their invitation to visit Taiwan from Aug. 31 to Sept. 4, presenting the island's China-friendly president with an embarrassing political dilemma. The leaders said the Tibetan spiritual leader planned to visit victims of deadly Typhoon Morakot. The invitation comes as President Ma Ying-jeou faces criticism that he botched response to the deadliest storm in 50 years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Two more U.S. soldiers killed in Afghanistan
Attacks have killed two U.S. troops in Afghanistan, keeping August on track to be the deadliest month of the war for the U.S. military. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Karzai forges ahead

Afghan President Hamid Karzai widened his lead over his main challenger yesterday.

Karzai's new total pushed him closer to the 50 per cent threshold that would allow him to avoid a two-man run-off.

The latest returns boost Karzai's standing to 44.8 per cent. Top challenger Abdullah Abdullah has 35.1 per cent.

Final certified results won't be ready until at least mid-September, after the dozens of serious complaints of fraud have been investigated.

Abdullah has accused Karzai of widespread rigging, including ballot stuffing and voter intimidation.

But Karzai's camp has denied the claims.

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Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah displays allegedly fraudulent ballot papers.

Influential, controversial Iraqi politician dead

PASSING Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the scion of a revered clerical family who rode the rise of Shiite power in Iraq to become one of the country's most powerful political figures but was deeply distrusted by Sunni Muslims as an ally of Iran, died yesterday at 59.

Two senior clerics from his party told The Associated Press he died after being hospitalized in critical condition in Tehran where he was being treated for lung cancer.

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Conservative Lutheran denominations decry ELCA vote on gay clergy

Two smaller, more conservative U.S.-based Lutheran denominations are expressing disappointment in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's decision to open a wider door to gay clergy. The ELCA voted last week to lift a ban that prohibited sexually active gay and lesbian people from serving as ministers. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A 2 kg baby eastern grey kangaroo is fed from a bottle in Sydney, Australia, Monday, after his mother was killed in a car accident. Kangaroos bounding into the path of oncoming cars are a major threat for Australian drivers, causing what a new study tallies as 5,000 accidents and 22 deaths over a decade.

'Roos threat to Aussie drivers

Kangaroos and wallabies bounding into the path of oncoming cars are the biggest animal threat to rural Australian drivers, a new study says.

While dogs, cattle, emu and wombats also cause collisions, Australia's leaping national symbol and its smaller kin, the wallaby, led to the most animal-related accidents from 1996 to 2005, according to a study released Tuesday by researchers from the University of New South Wales.

The study, which analyzed road accident statistics in the state of New South Wales, found animals were responsible for 5,097 accidents that resulted in human death, injury or vehicle damage.

The accidents, in which drivers collided with or swerved to avoid animals, injured more than 1,700 people and killed 22, the study said.

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China promises economic reform

China's President Hu Jintao has pledged new reforms to help accelerate economic growth in Xinjiang after the remote region was rocked by deadly ethnic rioting, saying that stability there matters to the whole country.

Chinese state television and other media outlets issued broadcasts yesterday of Hu's comments to top officials in Xinjiang's capital of Urumqi. The remarks came Tuesday during Hu's first visit since ethnic riots convulsed the city July 5 and killed nearly 200 people.

"Doing a good job in Xinjiang concerns not just the Xinjiang region, but in fact is a matter for the whole country," Hu said, adding the central government plans to "take major steps" to improve the quality of life in Xinjiang and promote the region so it can "leap forward" economically. Hu gave no specifics about the planned changes.

Hu said China would continue to focus on economic construction, uphold social stability, and focus on developing all ethnic groups.

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Violence

- Violence in Urumqi broke out after police stopped an initially peaceful protest by Uighur youths, prompting crowds to smash windows, burn cars and attack Han Chinese.

News in brief

MANUFACTURING Orders for durable goods in the U.S. rose last month by the largest amount in two years, as the U.S. manufacturing sector rebounded from the depths of the recession. The Commerce Department said yesterday orders for goods expected to last at least three years increased 4.9 per cent in July, the third rise in the past four months. Analysts expected a three per cent increase. Orders for transportation equipment drove the increase. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Comment

Silver foxiness is a powerful force

There's something painfully alluring about older men. In my teens and early 20s, I was far less likely to make moony eyes at my spotty-faced peers than at the supply teachers and rakish professors at the chalkboard. They were taller. Better dressed. Widely travelled. And, best of all, they KNEW stuff! Older men waxing rhapsodic on James Joyce were far more attractive to me than boys who performed keg stands, wore backwards baseball caps and smelled a bit like wet dog.

Call me crazy.

Silver foxiness is a powerful force that cannot be denied. Catherine Zeta-Jones, Calista Flockhart, Penny Lancaster and Katie Holmes have all settled down with men at least 15 years their senior.

There are certain biological advantages to the pairing of younger women to older men. Males have a much longer reproductive shelf life; for women, menopause marks the end of the line for the baby train, while men can ably reproduce into old age. Tony Randall conceived two children well into his 70s and the oldest father on record, Nanu Ram Jogi, sired a daughter at age 90. (High-five, buddy.)

Physical prowess has become less important than physical wealth when it comes to a man's ranking in society. Older men often have the money, power, experience and wisdom their youthful counterparts lack, giving them the means to immediately and comfortably provide for a family. Selecting such a mate would be advantageous for a woman in her childbearing years.

A recent study by the Max Planck Institute in Germany found that marrying a younger woman may be the key to living a longer life. According to the study, men who married women 15 to 17 years their junior were less likely to die prematurely. Even those who married women a mere seven to nine years younger were 11 per cent less likely to expire early. One possible reason for this phenomenon is that younger women select healthier, better-maintained older men as mates.

"Another theory is that a younger woman will care for a man better and therefore he will live longer," said institute spokesman Sven Drefahl. Or maybe waking up next to a sweet young thing every morning gives the older gent a little extra get-up-and-go.

In a strange and almost vampiric twist, the same study indicated that women who marry older men actually increased their likelihood of an early death. Perhaps caring for a silver fox can get a little, umm, old.

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Views

Women biggest losers in Afghan elections

Reports the Taliban sliced off the index fingers of two Afghan women who dared to vote in their elections last week were a reminder, if we needed any, who the polls' biggest losers were.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his main rival, Abdullah Abdullah, seem to be neck-and-neck in results. But poor security, rampant fraud and too few female election staff kept many women from voting stations, leaving us wondering what chance women stood in getting their voices heard.

Going into the Aug. 20 polls, things didn't look so bad on paper. There were nearly 350 women registered as provincial council candidates — about 10 per cent of the total. Afghanistan's constitution reserves one-quarter of provincial council seats for women to guarantee them a role in political life.

But the Taliban's brutality is just one of the many rocks and hard places that surround Afghan women.

Karzai, the celebrated "moderate" on the scene, showed how spectacularly easy it was to sell out women for votes when he ratified a controversial family law to win the votes of fundamentalists. He promised to reword it after an international outcry but, in fact, made it worse.

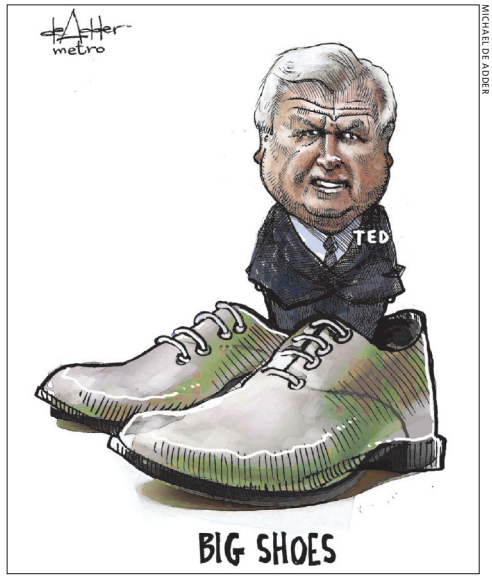
The legislation, meant to govern family law for minority Muslim Shiites, who make up about 15 per cent of Afghanistan's 30 million people, gives a man the right to withdraw basic maintenance from his wife if she refuses to obey his sexual demands, according to Human Rights Watch.

It's a painful blow for women's rights because Afghan Shiites are generally more liberal than many of their Sunni compatriots.

Fighting between NATO troops and the Taliban insurgency takes a huge toll on Afghan civilians and makes it almost impossible for women's groups to do the simplest of their work, let alone take on those myriad rocks and hard places.

So exactly for whose benefit were the elections? Clearly, not women's.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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Chrysler sues Daimler
Chrysler Group LLC has sued Daimler AG, saying the German automaker failed to uphold contracts for the delivery of crucial vehicle parts for its 2010 vehicles. The company says the parts are critical for the production of several key 2010 model-year vehicles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Business in brief

MINING Eldorado Gold Corp. said yesterday it has reached a stock swap deal to acquire all of Australia's Sino Gold Mining Ltd. in a move to expand the Canadian international miner's presence in China, one of the world's major gold mining countries. Under the terms of the deal, Sino Gold stockholders will receive 0.55 of an Eldorado share for each share they own. The transaction values Sino Gold at about $2 billion and would allow Eldorado to complete the takeover of the Australian company begun in June when it acquired a 20 per cent stake from Gold Fields Ltd. The June purchase was valued at about $305.5 million.

DIGITAL A 48 per cent jump in second-quarter revenue combined with a 22 per cent decrease in expenses helped Yangaroo Inc. narrow its losses, the digital content distributor said yesterday. For the quarter, the company booked a loss of $725,650 compared with a loss of $1 million in the same year-ago period. Yangaroo's revenues improved to $204,482 from $137,946, helped by the launch of its next generation digital media distribution system DMDS 5.0, which allows record labels, radio stations and advertising companies to swap secure data content over the Internet. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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GM talks focus on Magna bid: Merkel

Chancellor Angela Merkel said yesterday that Germany's talks with General Motors Co. over the future of its Opel unit are focused on Berlin's preferred bid, by Canadian auto parts giant Magna International.

But she softened her insistence that the deal be reached swiftly, saying substance — not speed — was paramount.

Merkel's government hopes to see Opel sold to an investor group led by Magna, which includes Russian state-owned bank Sberbank.

Angela Merkel

"We are negotiating with the Americans over questions that remain regarding Magna's offer," Merkel said.

The German government favours an offer from Magna and Sberbank over an offer from Brussels-based investor RHJ International SA, because fewer jobs are at risk under Magna's offer.

Opel employs about 25,000 people in Germany, about half of GM Europe's total workforce. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CIBC profit falls short of expectations

BANKING Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce said yesterday third-quarter profits improved sharply over year-earlier levels, but still fell short of analyst estimates.

The Toronto-based bank reported net earnings of $434 million or $1.02 per share for the quarter ended July 31, up sharply from profits of $71 million or $1.02 per share booked during the corresponding quarter of 2008.

Quarterly financial performance was dragged down by $106 million in mark-to-market losses on credit derivatives from the bank's corporate loan hedging program, as well as $56 million in loan losses.

Loan losses were most pronounced in the retail banking sector, where weak economic conditions led to a spike in bankruptcies and delinquencies. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sony New Blu-ray recorder

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A model shows Sony Corp.'s new two-terabyte Blu-ray disc and 500-gigabyte Blu-ray disc recorders in Tokyo yesterday. The recorders for the Japanese market can record two TV programs at once, dub VHS videos into Blu-ray discs and transfer high-quality images to Sony's PlayStation Portable game machines, Walkman portable music video players and mobile phones.

Regulator backs private financing

RENTAL InterRent Real Estate Investment Trust, a property company that has been fending off a major unitholder revolt, says the Ontario Securities Commission has backed an earlier TSX decision to approve a private financing that effectively changes control of the Toronto-based apartment owner. InterRent said the OSC dismissed an application by NorthWest Value Partners Inc. THE CANADIAN PRESS

StatsCan says decline in corporate profits slows

EARNINGS Canadian corporations earned $50.2 billion in operating profits in the second quarter, down 6.4 per cent from the previous quarter.

This compares with declines of 14.1 per cent in the first quarter and 19.2 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Statistics Canada reports operating profits have declined 35.1 per cent since their peak in the third quarter of 2008.

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Operating profits for retail trade fell 11.1 per cent to $3.1 billion in the second quarter, driven largely by lower profits among major clothing, department and other general merchandise retailers.

Profits in the non-financial industries fell four per cent to $37.6 billion in the second quarter, while profits in the financial industries shrank by 13.1 per cent to $12.5 billion.

The agency says lower profits in the quarter were mainly attributable to manufacturing, banks and credit unions, and insurance carriers as 12 of 22 industries reported lower profits.

This compares with 16 of 22 industries reporting decreases in profits in the first quarter.

Manufacturers earned $6.8 billion in operating profits in the second quarter, down 7.1 per cent from the first quarter. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sillinger calls it a career
New York Islanders veteran centre Mike Sillinger announced his retirement from the National Hockey League yesterday. The 38-year-old played three of his 17 seasons for the Islanders, one of 12 teams he skated with during his career. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

No deal for Rubio: T-wolves GM

Minnesota Timberwolves president David Kahn says "no team in any league has reached a deal" on a buyout for Spanish point guard Ricky Rubio, left. A Spanish media report circulated earlier yesterday said Regal Barcelona had reached a buyout agreement with Rubio's team, DKV Joventut. The report said Rubio would sign a six-year deal with the team that included an affordable buyout option in 2011. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Sports in brief

BASEBALL A U.S. appeals court has ruled that investigators were wrong to seize a list of 104 Major League Baseball players who tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs during the 2003 season. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled yesterday that federal authorities had the right to take only the results of the 10 players listed on their search warrant.

SOCCER Italy's top flight Serie A clubs confirmed they will split from the second-division Serie B sides in an attempt to make up ground on England's Premier League and Spain's La Liga.

GOLF Canadian golfers Christopher Ross and Brad Revell won their matches yesterday in the first round of match play at the U.S. Amateur Championship golf tournament. Ross, from Dundas, Ont., won 5 and 4 over Corey Nagy, while Revell, of Kingston, Ont., needed a 19th hole to beat Matthew Broome.

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NHL bid lowest of final 3

League's offer includes provision to move team out of Phoenix

The NHL has long argued hockey can thrive in Arizona and gone to extreme lengths to block Jim Balsillie from relocating the Phoenix Coyotes to Hamilton, but its own bid for the team contains a provision to move the bankrupt club.

The NHL said it will conduct "an organized bid process to relocate the franchise in another territory" if a buyer wishing to keep the team in Phoenix can't be found, according to the bid made public yesterday.

The NHL's offer for the financially bleeding franchise is worth up to $140 million (all figures U.S.), but the league plans only to manage the team until it can be sold to an acceptable third party.

"By acquiring the team at this time," the league stated in its bid, "the NHL will be able to salvage the team's 2009-10 season and can establish a more constructive timetable in which to solicit offers from qualified parties."

The NHL, Balsillie's PSE Sports and Ice Edge Holdings, composed of Canadian and American investors, are the three groups contending for the team.

Balsillie has offered $212.5 million, contingent on immediately moving the club to Hamilton.

The Ice Edge bid, for up to $150 million, would keep the team in Phoenix long term but the group would like to play five "home" games in Saskatoon each year to increase cash flow.

A bankruptcy auction will be held Sept. 10.

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Bid details

PSE Sports
- $212.5M
- Bid contingent on being able to move team to Hamilton.
- Has 32-year lease option with Copps Coliseum; wants team there this year.
- Head Jim Balsillie rejected as owner by NHL and yet to be approved as bidder in bankruptcy court.

Ice Edge Holdings
- $150M
- Would keep team in Arizona with commitment to grow hockey in southwest U.S.
- Not seeking subsidies, but partnership with Glendale arena where Coyotes play.
- Still hope to play five Coyotes "home" games at Saskatoon to subsidize team in Phoenix.

NHL
- $140M
- Wants to salvage 2009-10 season in Phoenix, but will eventually sell to third party.
- Willing to eventually relocate team if suitable local buyer cannot be found.
- Would satisfy indebtedness to major creditor, SOF Investments, a value of $80 million but no money for previous owner Jerry Moyes.

Blue Jays win on walk-off wild pitch

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RAYS AT

BASEBALL Last night's game between the Toronto Blue Jays and the Tampa Bay Rays started with excellent pitching and ended with the worst kind.

Toronto starter Mark Rzepczynkski threw 5⅔ innings of no-hit ball to start the game before Pat Burrell broke it up with a single. Gabe Kapler followed with a two-run home run.

But the Jays fought back and tied the game on a Rod Barajas home run, loaded the bases and saw Marco Scutaro score on a wild pitch to win the game.

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Armstrong's cycling team to make Aussie debut

Team RadioShack, Lance Armstrong's new cycling team, will debut at the 2010 Tour Down Under in Australia. Armstrong, who finished third in the Tour de France in July while racing for Astana, made the announcement yesterday on his Twitter page. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Two more shells move into world finals

ROWING Two more Canadian crews have advanced to the finals at the world rowing championships.

The lightweight men's four and the women's eight each qualified through the repechage round at Poland's Lake Malta course yesterday.

The lightweight men's four of Mike Lewis of Victoria, Terry McKall of Edmonton, John Sasi of Delta, B.C., and Tim Myers of Penticton, B.C., finished second in six minutes 2.72 seconds. Switzerland was first in 6:02.59.

"I think ... we haven't shown our fastest speed yet."
Mike Lewis, rower

"I think we're in the hunt and we haven't shown our fastest speed yet," said Lewis, a bronze medallist in the lightweight men's four at the 2008 Olympics.

The women's eight clinched the final berth with a fourth-place finish in its repechage.

The eight comprises Sarah Bonikowsky of Orangeville, Ashley Brzozowicz of Toronto, Peggy DeVos of Kamloops, B.C., Lagzdins of Burlington, Romina Stefancic of Victoria, Jane Rumball of Fredericton, N.B., Krista Guloien of Port Moody, B.C., Lauren Hutchins of North Vancouver, B.C. and Lesley Thompson-Willie of London, Ont.

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Celtic's Glenn Loovens clears the ball yesterday as Arsenal's Nicklas Bendtner and Celtic's Gary Caldwell close in during Champions League play at Arsenal's Emirates stadium. Arsenal downed Celtic 3-1, guaranteeing a spot in the next round of the tournament.

Gunners oust Celtic

Arsenal moves on to next round of Champions League

Arsenal beat Celtic 3-1 to confirm its place in the group stage of the Champions League beside APOEL of Cyprus and Fiorentina of Italy yesterday.

The Gunners were already 2-0 ahead in their playoff after last week's first leg in Glasgow and completed a 5-1 aggregate win over the visiting Scottish side through goals by Eduardo Da Silva, Emmanuel Eboue and substitute Andrei Arshavin.

APOEL beat Copenhagen 3-1 to give Cyprus a team in the group stage for a second straight year, while Fiorentina rallied to draw 1-1 with Sporting Lisbon and clinch its place on away goals.

Olympiakos and Stuttgart also advanced and will be in today's 32-team draw in Monaco alongside the likes of Manchester United, Real Madrid and defending champion Barcelona.

Celtic's already slim chances of reaching the group stage got even slimmer in the 28th minute when Arsenal striker Eduardo scored from a penalty kick that arguably should not have been awarded.

Eduardo burst into the area after an exchange of passes with Nicklas Bendtner, but appeared to have pushed the ball out of play when he tumbled to the ground near goalkeeper Artur Boruc. Boruc slid in and appeared not to touch Eduardo, but the referee awarded the kick and the Croatia striker scored easily.

Arsenal had already been dominating possession and chances and, although Celtic striker Scott McDonald had a goal ruled out for offside five minutes before halftime, Eduardo had a 25-metre shot saved at the other end and Eboue effectively ended the contest when he made it 2-0 with a low shot in the 53rd.

The ease of the win meant that Arsenal manager Arsenel Wenger was able to withdraw Abou Diaby, Eboue and Eduardo in the second half to rest them in advance of Saturday's Premier League meeting with Manchester United.

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Toronto friendly

- Soccer fans in Toronto have a chance to see Celtic play live when they take on Portuguese side Benfica in a friendly on Sept. 2 at BMO Field.

Sports in brief

SPEEDSKATING Canada's medal-hungry short-track speedskating team is now complete and ready to take on the competition in Vancouver. The official Olympic roster of five men and five women was announced at an event yesterday and includes Charles Hamelin, who is the 500-metre world champion, and Kalyna Roberge, the silver medallist at the last Winter Games in Turin.

SOCCER The organizers of England's bid to stage the 2018 World Cup condemned the violence that marred a West Ham-Millwall match this week and described the scenes as "isolated." English football's efforts to try to eradicate violence from the domestic game have been hailed as successful and are a major part of the 2018 campaign as England faces tough opposition from 10 opponents.

NFL New York Jets coach Rex Ryan has made it official: Mark Sanchez is his starting quarterback. Ryan, who made the announcement after practice yesterday, said early in training camp he'd like to make a decision on a starter by the Jets' third pre-season game. Sanchez showed him enough in two games to beat Kellen Clemens for the job.

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Nadal says he's not in top shape

TENNIS Rafael Nadal concedes he probably isn't in the best condition heading into the U.S. Open.

The Spanish star took off more than two months because of tendinitis in both knees. When he decided not to defend his Wimbledon title, he said he was thinking about the knees too much.

Nadal told The Associated Press yesterday that it's hard not to think about an injury, but he feels much better and believes he has a chance to win his first U.S. Open title.

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A hub for active seniors

Suite Talk

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Hearthstone By the Bay sets out to prove that getting older doesn't have to mean giving up the active lifestyle you love.

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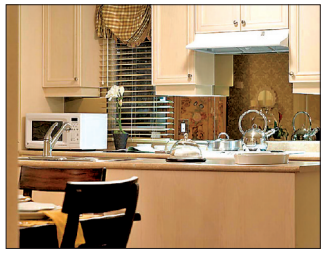
With luxuries like dog walking, airport pickup, walking trails and gourmet room service melded to a professionally-staffed on-site health and wellness centre, Hearthstone is clearly poised to attract socially engaged seniors who definitely want to stay active.

"The goal (with Hearthstone) was about creating a hybrid combining the maintenance-free living of your own condominium with access to health and wellness services as you require them," said Renee Bourgon, director of sales and marketing for Davies Smith Developments, builder of Hearthstone.

Bourgon says the model suite, which features classic touches like crown moulding, valance lighting and rich wallpaper, is aimed at someone who enjoys classic luxury but also wants modern convenience and style. "There's definitely more of a classic feel in the finishing touches than the modern white wall. It's still modern, but not so modern that it feels cold," Bourgon said.

Living areas are open-concept in design and each master bedroom features floor-to-ceiling windows with ensuite walk-in closet and bathroom.

Most important of all, all suites at Hearthstone are designed for full accessibility by seniors with mobility issues, particularly those using wheelchairs. All doors in each suite are extra-wide and have levered handles for easier opening, countertops and light switches are all slightly lowered to be accessible from a seated position and power outlets are raised to prevent bending over. Yet unlike many conspicuously "accessible" living spaces, Hearthstone designers worked hard to ensure the effect isn't jarring for people with regular mobility. "We really wanted to create a home that was at the same time new and fresh and accessible but not have the accessibility factor be as noticeable," Bourgon said.



Above left: Heartstone By The Bay's exterior. Above right: Views of the model suite.

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- Units range from the mid-200s to the $600s.
- For more information, visit www.hearthstonebythebay.com

Status Certificate crucial step for condo purchase

LegalMatters

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Q I have just put an offer in on a condo purchase and my real estate agent insisted that I insert a condition that the Status Certificate be reviewed prior to waiving the condition. What is a Status Certificate and why do I need to have it reviewed?

A A Status Certificate and the accompanying documents are a crucial step in the purchase of a condo.

Basically, it sets out a variety of statements concerning the individual unit (whether the common expenses are in arrears) and items such as if the reserve fund is adequate, if the condo board has levied a special assessment, if the condo is party to any legal proceedings and any other specific concerns with respect to the unit.

This document is accompanied by the insurance certificate for the building(s), the current and proposed budget for the condominium corporation, the constating documents that created the condominium corporation and usually a set of rules and regulations that the owners must abide by. It is important to have these documents reviewed by your lawyer prior to waiving this condition because they will reveal if there are any defects with respect to the ongoing operation of the condominium corporation. Without its review, the bank will often not advance mortgage funds. So, even if you rent in the building and are aware of the finances and issues of the condo, you will still be required to obtain a status certificate.

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The cost of obtaining the certificate is generally $100 while the cost for review by your lawyer should be included in the fee you will pay them for the transaction. If you do not use the lawyer who has reviewed your status certificate and accompanying documents, the legal fee is usually around $200.

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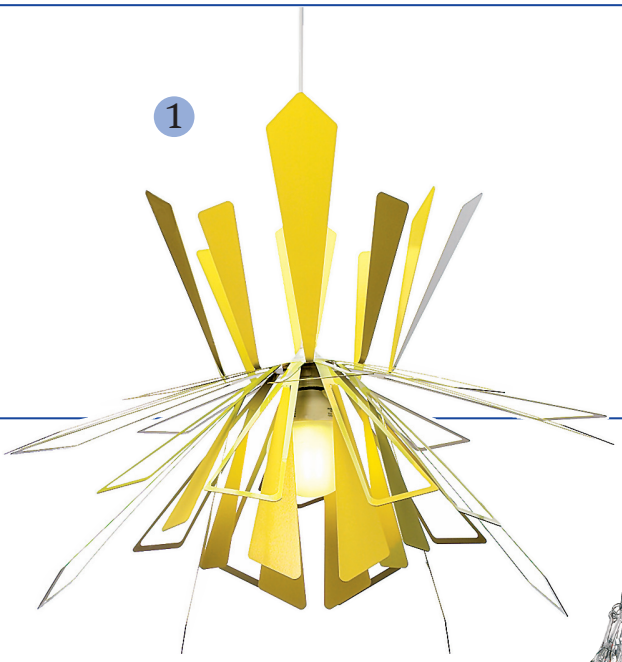

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What makes a star student?

Well, among other things, it sure helps to have a great homework space.

But what is a great homework space? There's an ongoing discussion around my house as to what that should be.

There's décor, says my daughter and her friends, but that's secondary to functionality. And that's quite a statement from a group of kids who seems to value style over substance.

The major consensus is that students need a large empty space upon which to spread out their papers and books. Forget that weeny little computer desk. Studying means that you need to open textbooks, spread out your notes, scrawl notes and sketches, or talk into a tape recorder, or put together models to help you remember what was taught.

A computer, although handy for research assignments, is not necessary for the majority of textbook-based homework or studying, they admit.

Another important thing they identified about a great study space was the importance of getting rid of distractions. My daughter's friend will admit to a cluttered bedroom, but he has a desk which he sweeps clean of debris and other things when he does homework. And it works for him.

My daughter's room, on the other hand, does distract. We know this to be true.

For a study space that makes the grade ...

- Try music. Many students report being able to work well with quiet or not-so-quiet background music playing. Some say that silence is distracting.
- Rooms without a grand view. The view outside or the activities of neighbours can distract.
- Good lighting and a comfy chair.
- A homework routine. Every day at a certain time, the student should sit down at his or her table and focus on homework.
- Let your student decorate their space if they wish, so they have a sense of ownership of the space, but keep the décor simple and soothing. Think in terms of paint or wallpaper, shelving, a few storage bins, a reading lamp, perhaps an area rug to delineate the study space and upholstery for chairs.
- Stay away from distracting posters or art. Always keep the space clear and free of clutter. Only have in the study space what is needed specifically for homework, and nothing else.
- Access to healthy snacks to help the brain work.

Homework cannot compete well with magazines, books, nail polish and other bits and pieces currently piled on her desk. A laptop smuggled up to her room (it usually lives in the kitchen office) is definitely not good because she seems to be physically addicted to Facebook, and finds its allure almost irresistible (certainly much more interesting than homework). It takes a deadline to get her detached from her accoutrements. (Hmmm, sounds familiar.)

What would work for her is to clear her desk completely, and put her distracting items into drawers, preferably not anywhere near her homework zone. For her (and many others, I suspect), the computer usage zone and homework space needs to be physically separated.

And speaking of distraction, if a television is on in the same room or anywhere close, you can bet its' eye-glazing siren call is turning any young minds in the vicinity into jelly. Sentences leading nowhere, math equations trailing off to infinity . . . need I say more?

In addition to the importance of a study space free of distractions, I've found that it is also helpful to have a space (however small) dedicated to homework. By this I mean that the space should be for homework alone, and no other activity.

Yes, it can take place in a bedroom or a kitchen (if parental supervision or help is required) or a parental home office, or anywhere in a house. But it is set aside and maintained for homework only.

For example, if homework takes place in a kitchen, try to designate a particular area as the homework zone. A cleared desk or table tucked into a corner or against a wall is ideal, with nearby bins or cubbies for school supplies only.

For younger children, actually attaching physical borders (mouldings or even glued-down yardsticks) to designate the study zone can be effective.

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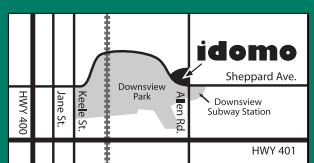

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Your Space

Resident: Drew Bowden, 46, makeup artist
Space: Bachelor suite
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BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Sitting in Drew Bowden's high-rise, with its sunny ambience, oversized furniture and Hawaiian music lolling in the background, you can easily forget the Toronto skyline of slate and concrete hanging grey outside his window.

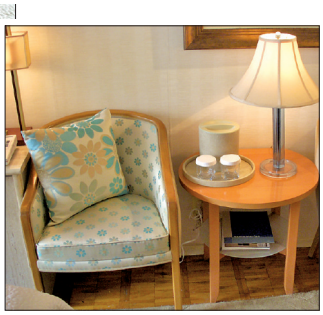
"I don't want to incorporate that when I'm here," he said, "This is my escape, my own little world."

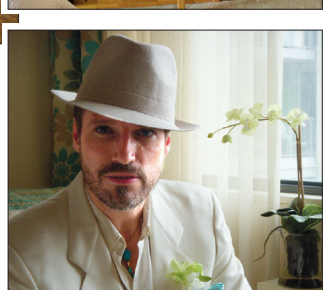
Bowden's world mimics the times he said he feels happiest — traveling. He's vacationed at resorts and tried backpacking, but found his locale of love on a Hawaiian cruise, taken by the water, hills, colours and people he encountered.

"When I came back, I wanted to incorporate that in my everyday living," he said, "Wherever you look, it's all sea and sand, so those are the colours I chose."

Turquoise, aqua, beige, cream and pale woods colour his apartment, from the furniture, through dishes, to wall fixtures like starfish in the bathroom and seahorse wall brackets, hand painted to match the mirror they surround.

And it's not just the island aesthetic Bowden aims to appropriate in his space, but the refreshing feeling of returning to a hotel room while traveling. "It's all glamorous luxury and you can be whoever you want," he said.





Drew Bowden took inspiration from a Hawaiian vacation for his apartment's decor, transforming the downtown bachelor into a peaceful, beachy retreat. Bottom right: Bowden at home.

Radio

- Find Drew and his MAC Cosmetics team weekdays from 7:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. at MAC in Royal Bank Plaza, 200 Bay Street.
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"I decorated my apartment to feel like I was returning to a hotel suite in Hawaii, on South Beach or to my 'stateroom' aboard a grand ocean liner bound for Europe!"

Going against the guideline to use small furniture in a small space, Bowden brought in a 31-inch-high queen-sized bed, cruise ship-like bucket chairs and modern chaise lounge chairs — all fashioned or custom upholstered to fit the 'sea and sand' theme — to provide a feeling of luxury.

He even heralds hospitality's attention to detail with neatly folded white towels on metal shelves in the bathroom, an ice bucket with covered glasses in the main room and fresh flowers each week.

"You have to do that for yourself," he said. "I come home every night and say, 'I love my place'."

Some answers to common condo-buying questions

TheHunt
Amit Paul

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I thought I'd take a moment and address some of the most common questions that I've been asked over the past couple of weeks.

What is an assignment deal? An assignment deal involves the transfer of the interest in an agreement of purchase and sale, rather than the actual property itself. The thing to watch out for here is occupancy fees — how long the anticipated closing is and how much the fees are. It's like buying a brand new property but not as the original owner. It's also important to ensure that the offer is drawn up to protect your interests in the same way a resale agreement is put together.

What happens to my deposit? When you purchase a property your deposit will be held in the trust account of the listing brokerage, nine times out of ten. The deposit can only be pulled out of that trust account if the deal closes, if it falls apart and a mutual release is signed to direct the funds back to the buyer, or by court order if one of the first two scenarios prove difficult. The deposit does go towards the down payment on your mortgage, for all intents and purposes, if the deal is successful.

What do I do in a multiple offer situation? To be honest, the only way to ensure you're not left second-guessing is to go in with your best offer. In other words, the highest price at which, if you discovered someone else was successful, you'd be disappointed.

If I actually win a multiple offer situation, did I still lose? If you're very comfortable with the existing solds and what you know the property to be worth on paper, you've assessed what's important to you and you've discussed when you plan on selling with your Realtor, then you may simply be setting a new market value. I recently helped a friend and client secure a townhouse for $50,000 above list price, establishing a jump in market value of approximately $35,000. The reason we were and happy is because we're not looking to resell for at least five years, and I know that area will still generate a good profit when they do look to move. Having said that, it is important to review in detail because not all multiple offer properties are created equal.

I'm looking for a condo exclusively for investment purposes; what should I do? This may surprise you. Depending on your price range you will have a choice of one or two buildings, up to a maximum of four. You're either looking for the cheapest bachelor or one-bedroom in the downtown core which can successfully be rented at a profit, or a two-bedroom plus den that can be rented to three students. There are less than a handful of buildings worth considering because while it's not hard to make a decent real estate investment in this city, if you can, you may as well make a great one.

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Homes in **Style**

House of the **rising sun**

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When an English industrial designer in the late 19th century began making pieces inspired by his journey to Japan, he ignited a decor craze across Europe.

These days, the trend goes beyond simply displaying a painted paper screen or a lacquered jewelry box. As the popularity of low-impact living rises, so has the demand for Japanese-influenced interiors.

"I think that now more than ever people are viewing their homes as places of serenity and tranquility," says Eric Kirsten, who works in corporate marketing for Teknion Furniture Systems.

"Japanese interiors are minimalist and free of clutter."

The simplicity of Japanese interior design, with its neutral colour palette, low functional furnishings, and use of natural light and materials, such as bamboo, dark woods and silk, creates the perfect framework for a peaceful living space.

Small bursts of colour help sweeten a colour scheme that is traditionally grounded in black and white. Envelope silk pillow cover, $19 each, inserts, $14 each, West Elm, westelm.com.

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Koi are symbols of courage and good fortune – both of which are sometimes needed when tasting a new recipe. Koi in a Fountain dessert plates, $14 each, Anthropologie, anthropologie.com.

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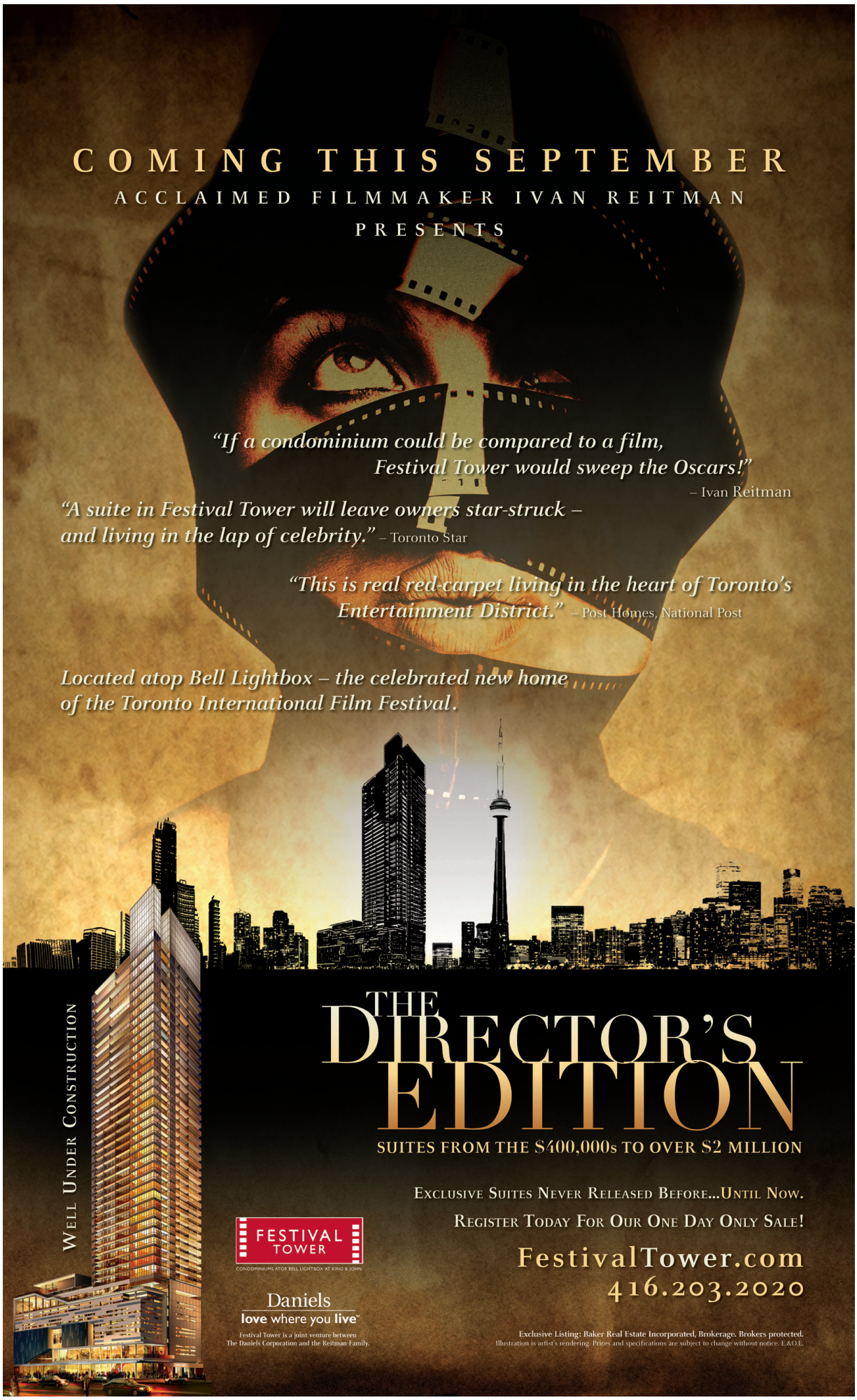

Planning on renting out? Bone up on Landlord 101

Renting out a room in his home was both a financial necessity for Christopher Paulsen and a hedge against loneliness.

"It was like empty nest syndrome, and I thought I could use a few bucks to offset costs," said Paulsen, 48, of Incline Village, whose youngest son left home last year.

Paulsen placed an ad online and got many responses. He chose an AmeriCorps volunteer to take over the room for a year in his two-bedroom townhome in this small town at Lake Tahoe. "I don't want to raise kids over again, but this means I have someone around the house and helps pay the bills," Paulsen said.

But becoming both roommate and landlord can be tricky. You need to find someone you can live with, of course, as well as someone dependable and financially responsible. You also need to be aware of fair housing and tax rules, experts say.

Checking a potential housemate's credentials and credit history is crucial, said Leigh Robinson, author of Landlording. "Too many people who rent a room out in their house are too trusting, and they need to make sure they are following good procedures," he said.

The next step is to draw up a lease and a list of house rules. While the lease can be succinct, house rules should be specific and signed by the roommate, Robinson said. Consider pets, smoking, guests, use of amenities, cooking, maintenance and cleaning. For examples of leases and forms, Robinson suggested checking http://www.mrlandlord.com/.

Homeowners also should check local laws and any community rules regarding renters before drawing up a lease, said Stephen Fainsbert, a Los Angeles real estate lawyer.

Leases can be difficult to revoke, he warned — all the more reason to research a prospective roommate carefully.

Before taking on a tenant, speak with a tax professional about details. For a long-term situation, a clearly defined lease can help reap the tax benefits of renting out extra space. Homeowners must declare the rent payments they receive as rental income.

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A history in crazy fashion

Ladies have fun with fantastic get-ups

Lately, it looks like the pop music world's biggest and most obscure players alike have been in a competition to one-up each other in flamboyant, out-there-ness. We look at some of our favorite crazies, old and new.

The originator: Grace Jones

The queen of androgyny revolutionized pop music in the '80s dressed in exaggerated shoulder pads and body-conscious clothing (both of which are key ideas for fall).

The offspring: Ebony Bones

Japanese animé, African graphic prints and larger than life geometric shapes make up the British singer's trademark look. Massive afro puffs and kewpie doll-style makeup are the icing on her sartorial cake.

The offspring: Lady Gaga

Grace Jones may have done that whole "no pants" thing decades ago, but the pop songwriter-turned-singer has co-opted it and made the look her own. Unlike Jones, though, Gaga can occasionally stray into silly territory such as a Jean Charles de Castlebajac-designed bolero jacket made of plush Kermit the Frog toys.

The originator: Bjork

Showing up to the Academy Awards draped in an oversized swan pretty much sealed her place in crazy music fashion history. Other memorable outfits include an ensemble from her Volta tour that included an oversized dress that resembled aluminum foil and a headdress made of giant, fluorescent fur pompoms. Fun stuff.

The offspring: Karen O (Yeah Yeah Yeahs)

Not to be outdone in the headgear department, Karen O wowed crowds at Lollapalooza in a full-on Native American style piece and matching tunic. And that outfit was pretty tamed compared to some of her others (metallic, fringed capes, gold mini dresses with massive hanging discs, you name it.)

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Ebony Bones, left, and Lady Gaga, right, follow in Grace Jones' exaggerated '80s style.

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Isaac Mizrahi brings his design magic to Liz Claiborne

By LAURA DECARUFEL
Senior Editor

Isaac Mizrahi is what's known in sports as a difference-maker: You add him to the team and the game changes. His most recent design success has been at Liz Claiborne (1-800-565-6399, lizclaiborne.com), where he started as creative director in 2008. With his first collection — pretty patterned dresses and watermelon-hued cardigans for spring 2009 — he eliminated the brand's outlet-mall associations and repositioned it as a fashion all-star.

"I was offered the best job in the world," says Mizrahi in his trademark conspiratorial rasp. "I remembered Liz Claiborne as this perfect, sterling thing from when I was growing up. Oh, I loved it. I loved her. Sure, the brand had gotten a little tarnished, but I didn't take the job to acknowledge that." Mizrahi likens the process of revitalizing Liz Claiborne to filming Unzipped, the 1995 documentary he made with then boyfriend Douglas Keeve about designing a collection. "You don't want to know how big the mountain is or you wouldn't try to climb it."

Judging by the fall collection, Mizrahi is now on top. "I was thinking about flappers and lumberjacks," he says.

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Warm up to the '80s trend with workout wear that channels Fame. (Watch the film remake, out later this month.) We think that Debbie Allen would approve of Stella McCartney's latest collection for Adidas, which features lace tights and graphic tops.

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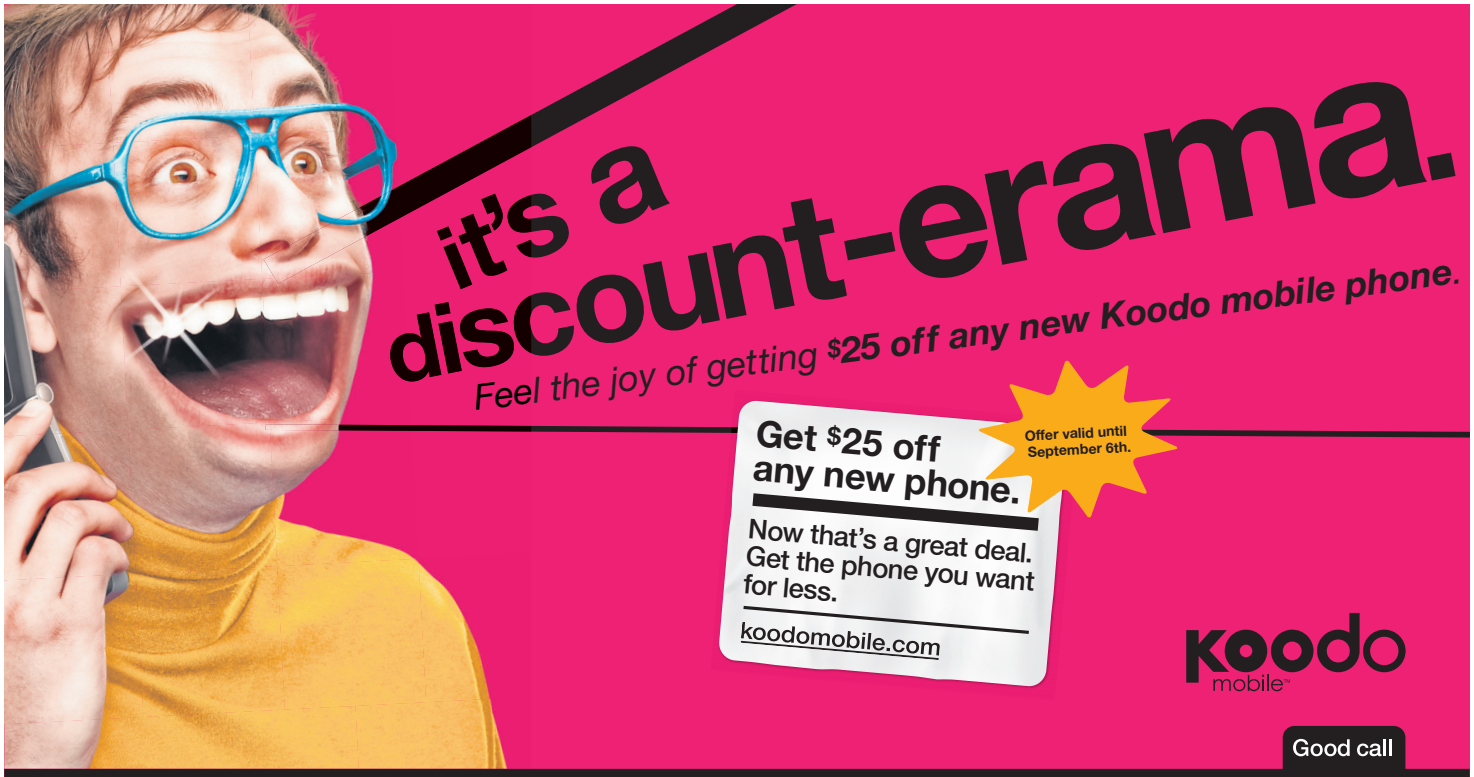

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Grilled cheese to go

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Three-Cheese Grilled Sandwich with Tomatoes and Onions

Who would have thought that the classic grilled cheese sandwich would make such a comeback? Here's a twist on the traditional; I use it as a lunch, dinner or snack item and even cut the sandwich into quarters as an appetizer. Feel free to substitute cheeses of your choice. **SERVES 4**

LOVELEIGH NEILL

Three-Cheese Grilled Sandwich with Tomatoes and Onions

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 oz light aged cheddar cheese, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp Parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- ¼ cup crumbled goat or feta cheese
- 4 slices wholegrain bread
- 4 slices plum tomato
- 4 slices sweet onion

METHOD:
Divide the cheddar, Parmesan and goat cheese between two slices of bread. Top with the sliced tomatoes and onions. Cover with the remaining two slices of bread. Spray both sides of each sandwich with cooking oil.

Great for back to school

Spray a non-stick skillet with cooking oil and place over medium heat. Cook the sandwiches for approximately 4 minutes per side, being careful not to burn them.

Cut each sandwich into quarters and serve 2 per person.

Miniature Chocolate Mud Pies

This has to be my number one dessert! They are dense and send you into chocolate heaven. You will never believe they are light. They can be made a couple of days in advance or frozen for up to two weeks. **SERVES 12**

RYAN SZULC

Miniature Chocolate Mud Pies

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 cup chocolate wafer crumbs
- 1 tbsp water
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tbsp chocolate chips
- 2 tbsp hot water
- 1 tsp instant coffee
- 1 cup brown sugar
- ½ cup cocoa powder
- 2 tbsp all purpose flour
- 2 ½ oz light cream cheese
- 2 large eggs
- ¼ cup low fat sour cream
- 3 tbsp corn syrup
- 1 tsp vanilla
- Icing sugar (garnish)

METHOD:
Preheat oven to 350 F. Spray a 12 cup muffin tin with vegetable oil.

In small bowl combine wafer crumbs, water and oil until mixed. Divide and pat into bottom of muffin tins.

In small bowl combine chocolate chips, water and coffee. Microwave for 40 seconds or just until chocolate begins to melt. Stir until smooth.

In a bowl of food processor add sugar, cocoa, flour, cream cheese, eggs, sour cream, corn syrup and vanilla. Puree until smooth. Add chocolate mixture and puree until smooth.

Divide among muffin cups and bake for 12 – 14 minutes or just until centre is still slightly loose. Cool and chill at least 2 hours before serving. Carefully remove from tin with knife.

Garnish with icing sugar.

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Neelys' down home cookin'

Food from the heart that goes straight to the stomach

Down Home with The Neelys: A Southern Family Cookbook by Patrick and Gina Neely encompasses all the great menu items that have made Neely's BBQ a destination for barbecue aficionados around the world, as well as signature recipes from their history-making show (which had the highest rated premiere in TVFN's weekend block)

Each week, more than four million viewers tune in to watch the Neelys cook recipes that have made them so admired and loved, including: Get Yo' Man Chicken, Barbecue Spaghetti, Sock-It-to-Me Cake, and their famous Cheesy Corkscrews with Crunchy Bacon Topping (which can feed a family of four for under ten dollars and was recently featured on NPR's All Things Considered).

For Pat and Gina Neely, the secret to their success is in the familial approach to everything they do. They have raised a family in the kitchen and built a successful business as a husband and wife team and Americans have responded to their story and their food with gusto.

Metro nabbed those famous corkscrews and some naughty cupcakes, to give you some down home cookin':

Cheesy Corkscrews with Crunchy Bacon Topping, from Down Home with The Neelys.

Cheesy Corkscrews with Crunchy Bacon Topping

Pat: "When I was growing up in Memphis, everyone had their own special mac-and-cheese recipe. Traditionally, the matriarchs used elbow noodles, but my girls love experimenting with different pasta, and we fell in love with cavatappi, because its tubular spiral shape holds plenty of cheese sauce, making every forkful a delight (of course, old-fashioned elbows will also work just fine).

A piquant, cheesy white sauce and a crispy topping made from potato chips and bacon creates the best — and most indulgent — version of mac and cheese that we have ever tasted. Served alongside roast chicken, or with a simple green salad and a glass of great red wine, this is the ultimate comfort food."

SERVES 6-8

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 tablespoons butter, plus more for greasing
- Kosher salt
- 1 pound cavatappi (or other tubular pasta)
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 cups whole milk, warmed
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- Pinch freshly grated nutmeg
- Dash hot sauce
- Dash Worcestershire sauce
- 4 cups grated sharp white cheddar cheese
- 11/4 cups grated Pecorino Romano cheese

Crunchy Bacon Topping:

- 11/2 cups crushed potato chips
- 1/2 cup grated Pecorino Romano cheese
- 5 slices cooked bacon, crumbled
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

METHOD:

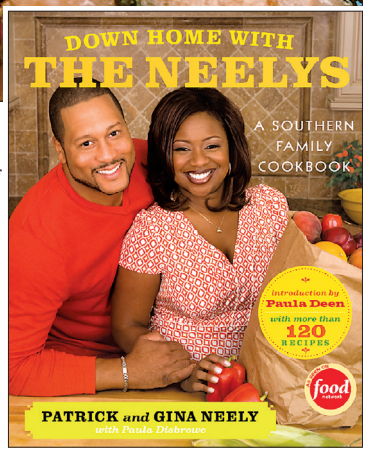
Heat the oven to 375°F. Butter a 3-quart casserole dish.

Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil, and cook the pasta until it's al dente. Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the flour, and cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Whisk in the warmed milk, and bring to a simmer, whisking constantly (the mixture will thicken as the heat increases).

Stir the dry mustard, salt, black pepper, cayenne, nutmeg, hot sauce, and Worcestershire sauce into the thickened milk. Stir in 3 cups of the cheddar, and the Pecorino Romano, until the cheeses melt.

Add the cooked pasta to the cheese sauce, and toss to combine. Pour the cheese-apalooza mixture into the prepared casserole dish.

Make the topping: In a medium bowl, combine the potato chips, Pecorino Romano, crumbled bacon, parsley, and the remaining cheddar. Sprinkle the crumb mixture on top of the macaroni and cheese, and bake for 35 minutes. For a crunchier topping, finish under the broiler for 3 minutes, until golden brown and crisp. Remove from the oven, and cool for 5 minutes before serving.



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Where to get your iron

Diet tips for preventing iron deficiency: • Eat one portion of lean meat or liver three to four times a week. • Whole grain products and legumes like lentils or white beans supply iron and other valuable minerals. NEWS CANADA

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Behave Yourself Cupcakes with Chocolate Cream Cheese Icing

Pat: "Cupcakes bring out the kid in everyone. They certainly bring out the kid in me, and my girls will tell you that I love these cupcakes as much as they do. Who can blame me? They are impossible to resist. The combination of cake flour and buttermilk gives them a tender crumb and a slightly tangy flavour, and the thick, rich cream-cheese frosting — made with melted chocolate chips — puts them over the top. These cupcakes starred in the "If Pat's a Good Boy" episode of our show. Talk about inspiration to behave!

Gina often doubles this recipe so we have enough around to feed a crowd for a party or picnic, because even when folks are on their best behaviour these have a way of vanishing ...

SERVES 12

INGREDIENTS:

- Twelve 2½- inch paper muffin- cup liners
- 2 cups cake flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1⅓ cups sugar
- ½ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 1½ teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 1⅓ cups well-shaken buttermilk
- Chocolate Cream Cheese Icing (recipe follows)

METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line a 12- cup muffin tin with paper liners.

Sift the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in a medium bowl. In a large bowl, beat the eggs and sugar together until fluffy. Add the melted butter, vanilla, and the buttermilk. Mix until just incorporated. Pour the sifted dry ingredients slowly into the batter. Mix until just combined and smooth. The batter will appear light and fluffy.

Divide the batter evenly among the muffin cups, and bake for about 18 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean. Let the cupcakes cool on a wire rack for 10 to 15 minutes before frosting.

Chocolate Cream Cheese Icing

INGREDIENTS:

- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- One 8- ounce block cream cheese, softened
- 4 ounces semisweet chocolate, melted (see note)
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon milk

METHOD:

Beat the butter and cream cheese until creamy. Add the melted chocolate, confectioners' sugar, vanilla, and milk, and beat until the icing is smooth and creamy.

• Note: Melt the chocolate in a double boiler or in a metal bowl placed over a saucepan of gently simmering water (the bowl should not touch the water).

Tap into simple tapas

Try this budget-friendly approach to entertaining

Are your big dinner party plans clashing with your small budget? Consider keeping your plates small, too.

Spanish-style tapas are by definition budget-friendly, since they are small plates of food traditionally served at bars. Most can be prepared quickly and using inexpensive ingredients, allowing you to serve a varied and flavourful menu while keeping costs down.

And you don't need to be limited to Spanish cuisine. Most Mediterranean cultures have their own versions of tapas, such as Italian bruschetta and crostini and Greek meze.

SPANISH TAPAS

Seasonal fruits and vegetables are key to Jose Andres' budget tapas menu. The Washington chef, cookbook author and owner of several award-winning tapas restaurants says produce keeps flavours fresh and costs down.

He suggests skewers of tomato-topped watermelon drizzled with dressing, as well as a fruity summer sangria. He also says budget cooking can be a state of mind. You don't have to leave the table full every time, as is common in this country, he believes.

"It's OK to leave hungry," he says.

STEAK FOR LESS

Small plates also are a good way to stretch pricier proteins, such as steak, pork tenderloin, salmon or crab cakes, says Tina Ujlaki, executive food editor of Food&Wine magazine.

"Even if you are on a budget, it's a great way to still be able to offer a bit of luxury," she says.

You can even serve meatballs or small meat medallions as "sliders." Try:

- Seared pork tenderloin with a mustard-fruit glaze, thinly sliced and accompanied by a cooked plum puree.
- Slices of smoked salmon with a salsa made of finely diced cucumbers, pickled onions and capers.
- Three-bite crab cakes with a four-vegetable slaw, using your favourite seasonal vegetables finely shredded or chopped. Ujlaki suggests broccoli stems, red and green cabbage, and carrots, for example, for a mix of colours.

BUFFET OF BRUSCHETTA

Using bread, potatoes or pasta as the base ingredients for your menu is another good way to offer plenty of food without spending a lot, says Lucinda Scala Quinn, executive food director at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

She suggests a bruschetta menu, served on platters or boards lined with parchment paper. These are easily prepared beforehand — or guests can prepare their own — so the host or hostess can enjoy the party.

She suggests toasting or grilling slices of a rustic bread, rubbing them with garlic and topping them with a variety of flavours and textures, such as:

- A basic homemade pesto and a seasonal vegetable, such as roasted red peppers, peeled and marinated in olive oil and garlic.
- Shredded zucchini with lemon, basil, a drizzle of olive oil and crumbled or grated cheese.
- Shredded kale that has been quickly sauteed in olive oil and sprinkled with toasted almonds.

MEXICAN SIMPLICITY

In her book Fresh Mexico, Marcela Valladolid has several suggestions for simple foods that are crowd pleasers. "I would opt for cheaper selections of protein," she says of entertaining on a budget. She suggests:

- Chicken drummettes brushed with a glaze of honey, vinegar, butter, Worcestershire sauce, ground ancho chilies and garlic powder. Just brush the drummettes with the glaze and bake for 25 minutes.
- Deviled eggs "are the first thing that disappear off the table," Valladolid says. "Who doesn't have eggs in the refrigerator?" She says to "spike" them with chilies and cilantro or a spicy mustard.
- Fish tacos made with inexpensive tilapia, or use halibut if you can spend a bit more. Fry the fish with a beer and flour batter, and top with what's in your fridge — salsa, sour cream or other condiments. Valladolid also suggests a simple lemon cream for a taco.

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... and to drink? Sangria, of course

An inexpensive sparkling wine does fine in this recipe for white sangria. For the blend of fruits, use whatever is seasonal, which will cost the least and taste the best.

Recipe from Jose Andres' Made in Spain, Clarkson Potter, 2008.

White Sangria

INGREDIENTS:

- 250 ml (1 cup) mixed cut fresh fruit (such as strawberries, peaches, white grapes)
- 750-ml bottle dry sparkling wine, chilled
- 60 ml (2 oz) brandy
- 60 ml (2 oz) vanilla liqueur
- 60 ml (2 oz) white grape juice
- 5 ml (1 tsp) sugar
- 1 small sprig fresh mint

METHOD:

Fill a glass pitcher with ice, then add the fruit. Slowly pour in the sparkling wine, tilting the bottle and pitcher as needed so the wine runs down the inside of the pitcher walls.

In a large measuring cup, mix the brandy, vanilla liqueur, white grape juice and sugar. Pour over the fruit and sparkling wine, then garnish with mint.

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Simple lunch ideas for kids

- Roll a slice of lean ham and a leaf of lettuce around a stick of cheese and a strip of red pepper for a simple bread-free sandwich
- Stuff a pita with a salad mixture such as couscous salad or roll it in a whole-grain tortilla. THE CANADIAN PRESS

One from the grill

Grilling is not just for meats and veggies — it's for pizza too. So when the weather is inviting, take the pizza-making outdoors. Kids will love the novelty of cooking al fresco, so get them involved in the preparation as well.

Pear proscuitto pizza

Pear Prosciutto Pizza

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 Bartlett or Bosc pears, cut in 5-mm (1/4-inch) slices, core removed
- 1/2 small red onion, cut into rounds
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil, divided
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) all-purpose flour
- 500 g (1 lb) pizza dough
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) prepared pesto
- 2 slices prosciutto, cut into thin strips
- 90 g (3 oz) crumbled goat cheese or Gorgonzola
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) lightly packed arugula leaves

METHOD:

Preheat grill to medium.

Brush pears and onion with olive oil. Place on grill and close lid. Grill, turning once, until grill marked and softened, about 3 minutes. Remove from grill and set aside.

Meanwhile on a lightly floured surface, roll out dough to a 40-by-30-cm (16-by-12-inch) rectangle; transfer to a baking sheet. Brush dough with remaining oil and place oil side down, directly on grill. Grill, uncovered, until bubbles form on top and grill marks form on bottom, about 3 minutes (do not worry if dough sags a bit when first placed on grill; as long as it has been preheated the dough will quickly stiffen). Use tongs to flip pizza; close lid and grill until bubbly and underside is browned, 3 minutes. Transfer back to baking sheet.

Spread pesto lightly over top of pizza. Top with pear slices, onion rings, prosciutto and crumbled cheese. Return pizza on the baking sheet back to grill. Cover and grill just until cheese softens, 2 to 4 minutes.

Remove from grill and transfer to a cutting board. Sprinkle with arugula, slice and serve.

SERVES 8

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Well-travelled wines

When it comes to home-grown wine this century has been very, very good to Canada. Ontario and British Columbia have made some major strides internationally; while upstarts like Nova Scotia have proven that with forward-thinking investment everything is possible (especially sparkling wine).

But not everything is sunshine and lollipops.

The controversy over the term "Cellared in Canada" (given to those wines made from a combination of fruit grown in and outside of Canada) has some in the industry fuming.

The concern is that they are often shelved at liquor stores along with wines not blended with foreign juice which could be confusing to consumers.

If you can see past the labelling issue some of these wines are well worth a try. **The Wild Horse Canyon 2007 Shiraz ($11.95 - $13.97)** combines liquid from B.C., Washington and California.

Even with all that North American influence it tastes more like an Australian with a lightly sweet flow of earthy wild berries, plums and subtle spice.

The Painted Turtle Sauvignon Blanc ($9.95 - $11.99) isn't as regionally specific but offers a fresh, juicy mix of citrus and tropical fruits that would make a good match with light creamier sauces and fresh shellfish.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.

Peter Rockwell is the everyman's wine writer, working in the liquor industry for more than 25 years and travelling the globe looking for something to fill his glass and put into words.

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Entertainment

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Megan Fox is to play Catwoman in the next Batman film. She has reportedly signed on to appear in the sequel to The Dark Knight alongside Christian Bale and Michael Caine.
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Monkeys make dark return

Arctic Monkeys

Album: Humbug
Label: Domino/Outside
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

IT'S A MUSIC cliché, but it's on third albums where bands reinvent themselves. Scrappy Brit-rockers the Arctic Monkeys have done just that, creating their meatiest and darkest album yet. Unlike their past records, which saw the hyper-active foursome banging out indie pop hits, Humbug is a much sludgier, Sabbath-like affair. If some parts sound like they're ripped from the Queens of the Stone Age playbook (Portion Approaching for one) it's because that band's frontman, Josh Homme, produced the disc. For the most part that union worked — the Monkey's prove that they're not just for indie rockers anymore.
Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Collective Soul

Album: Collective Soul
Label: Roadrunner
Rating: ⊕⊕

THERE'S NO QUESTION that Collective Soul had some good songs — Gel and Shine to name two — but those tunes were popular a decade ago. Surprisingly, the CS of today sounds just like they did back then — they've still got bright guitars and gutteral "yeahs," and they continue to move from arena-ready rock to fuzzy indie sounds. However, while they haven't changed much, everyone else has. Their music's dated. The tunes are boring, overwrought and just plain cheesy. If this disc is for anyone, it's the people still playing World I Know on their guitar.
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Colbie Caillat

Album: Breakthrough
Label: Universal Republic /Universal **Rating:** ⊕⊕⊕

IF YOU WERE to look up inoffensive in the dictionary, you might find a picture of Colbie Caillat. The California-based singer's follow-up to her debut Coco, is another batch of easy-on-the-ears pop songs about relationship struggles. There's really not much to say about this — everything is catchy, but nothing is memorable. It's smooth, slick and pretty, especially Begin Again, there are a few twangy moments and Fearless has an R&B bent. Lifetime specials and heartbroken 20-somethings will love this.
Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Matisyahu

Album: Light
Label: Epic/Sony
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕½

OKAY, THE NOVELTY'S worn off. Yes, Matisyahu Miller is a convert to Orthodox Judaism. It was cute when his first CD came out ... "hasidic hip hop," ho ho ho. He was also a Deadhead, a Phish follower and, more to the point, a gifted singer and lyricist with a passion for urban reggae. On Light, Matisyahu spreads his forelocks (sorry, couldn't resist) further with a celebratory CD sure to gain him mainstream acceptance. Darkness Into Light — co-written with Good Charlotte's Benji and Joel Madden — is the track that will do it. But there's also I Will Be Light (yes, there's a theme here), We Will Walk and So Hi So Lo. Still, Matisyahu stays close to his reggae roots with help from people like rhythm masters Sly Dunbar and Robbie Shakespeare and fellow songwriter Trevor Hall. A great record in so many ways.
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GUY ARCHETTE PHOTO

Humbug is the third album from scrappy Brit-rockers the Arctic Monkeys.

Imogen Heap

Album: Ellipse
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

MORE ELECTRONIC BELLS, beeps, buzzes and whistles from this arty English eccentric best known for her Frou Frou collaboration with Madonna producer Guy Sigsworth. Ellipse is a wonderfully crafted album with lovely lyrical passages, layered vocal wisps, and even a couple of tracks suitable for radio. This CD will give Sarah McLachlan fans something to do while waiting for the next egg to drop from their true ethereal song goddess.
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Jet set for Chinese-language film

Jet Li is set to thrill audiences in his native China. According to The Chengdu Shangbao newspaper, the 46-year-old's next movie will be the Chinese-language film Ocean Paradise. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

New shows fat-friendly or big insult?

Ask model and fashion designer Emme whether television and other media are more accepting of plus-size people, and she quickly corrects you.

"Average women," she says.

The host of the new Fox reality dating show, More to Love, has been on this campaign since the mid-1990s, when she began telling full-size women to be more accepting of themselves. In her latest venture, she guides a 6-foot-3, 330-pound man as he chooses among 20 women who wear sizes ranging from 14 to 22.

Television is suddenly filled with images of full-figured people — real and fictional — although not as everyday people just living their lives. The shows focus on their size — on More to Love, the contestants' height and weight, and that of the bachelor, were flashed on the screen as they were introduced in the first episode.

Oxygen's Dance Your Ass Off features 12 contestants, weighing a total of 3,000 pounds, who lose weight through dancing, and Lifetime's Drop Dead Diva is about a model-wannabe who dies and comes back as a plus-size lawyer.

The Style Network's reality show Ruby is in its second season, telling the story of Ruby Gettinger of Savannah, Ga., who's down to 350 pounds from her highest weight of 716.

"I think these welcomed shows are opening the aperture" on full-size women, said Emme. "These are fun shows to watch, and they are really taking the perspective of the full-sized woman and bringing it into the type of package people can relate to."

Some fashion magazines are ahead of the curve — so to speak — on featuring plus-size models. Glamour became serious about it in the past five years, featuring Queen Latifah on the cover in May 2004, said executive editor Cindi Leive. In the past six to 12 months, "there is just more and more of a hunger among women to see images of women that look and feel real."

But the reaction to a 8-by-8-centimetre photo on page 194 of the September issue surprised even Leive. "I am gasping with delight," one reader wrote. "I love the woman on p 194," someone else wrote.

Model Lizzi Miller, a 20-year-old who wears a size 12-14, is shown in sideways pose, her arms covering her breasts, only the string of a string bikini visible at the waist. The shocker: Her belly hangs over the string and rests just a bit on her thighs — and she's laughing as if she doesn't even know.

"There's a roll in her belly that looks like every woman over the age of 16," Leive said. "And there she is, looking happy and confident and like she loves life and like she's the sexiest thing in the world."

If people do relate to the shows it may be because they reflect the image they see in mirror. The average U.S. woman wears a size 14, and an estimated 56 per cent of American women wear plus sizes, which start at size 14 or 16.

But not everyone is getting on the curves-are-better wagon — even women who are the presumed demographic for the shows.

Lesley Kinzel, a 32-year-old from Boston who runs a website called fatshionista, said while she's pleased that television is more willing to show women her size (24-26), she's not happy with the portrayal of women on More to Love. It's "reinforcing the stereotype of miserable, crying fat woman who hates herself," Kinzel says. "That's not my life and that's not the life of my friends."

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Plus-size model Emme, the host of Fox's TV dating show More to Love, says her program and ones like it show honest, realistic images of average women — but some viewers aren't so sure.

Plus-size literary heroes take to pages

Like never before, teen lit is alive with plus-size characters, who take front and centre in at least two dozen new books out since last year, rather than the usual ugly-duckling best friend or neighbour. Many of the stories conclude without significant weight loss, a huge breakthrough for some young fans. Here are some titles:

- Food, Girls and Other Things I Can't Have by Allen Zadoff, about an overweight male who joins his high school football team.
- All About Vee by C. Leigh Purtill, about 18-year-old Veronica, who heads to Hollywood to make it as an actor against size-zero competition. She gets the hunk while staying true to herself.
- Models Don't Eat Chocolate Cookies by Erin Dionne, about Celeste, whose pesky aunt enters her in the Miss Husky-Peach Modeling Challenge.

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"(More to Love is) reinforcing the stereotype of (the) miserable, crying fat woman who hates herself. That's not my life."
Lesley Kinzel, fatshionista.com

Stojko returns to the rink

COMEBACK After leaving the spotlight to do some soul searching in Mexico, figure skater Elvis Stojko has officially returned to the rink with what he says is a different perspective on the sport and himself.

"This is the first time I've been back in front of an audience in about three years," Stojko, 37, said yesterday of his recent performances at the Canadian National Exhibition.

"It feels really good."

The two-time Olympic silver medallist, who hails from Newmarket, Ont., has been lacing up twice a day since last Friday for the CNE's Aerial Acrobatics and Ice Skating Show.

To prepare for his comeback, he's been practising at a rink close to his home near Guadalajara.

Stojko said he moved south about eight years ago to "find out who I am and what I want to do" outside of the "Elvis persona" that always preceded him.

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Elvis Stojko

"People see me a certain way as a skater," he said. "Some people call me 'The Terminator,' 'The Machine,' or whatnot ... because I was very focused."

But these days, he says: "skating is not who I am, it's something that I do and something that I express who I am through."

"It's clearer to me," he said. "It's like skating when I was a kid because you look at the purity of it."

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Mix of Six

Metro taps into today's best entertainment and event picks

MUSIC Blue Rodeo performs tonight at the Molson Amphitheatre, 909 Lakeshore Blvd. W., at 7:30 p.m. Opening for award-winning group are The Weakerthans. Visit livenation.com for tickets.

THEATRE Soulpepper Theatre is presenting Eric Peterson and John Gray's Billy Bishop Goes to War. The production runs through Saturday. Young Centre for the Performing Arts, 55 Mill St., Bldg. 49. $36-$68 at 416-866-8666 or visit soulpepper.ca.

FOOD Today marks the final Tasty Thursdays of the summer. The event sees a variety of Toronto restaurants bring international cuisine to Nathan Phillips Square. Food is available for $5 or less. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

SHOPPING Every Thursday night this summer, The Drake Hotel's Room 222 has been turned into a store, showcasing a different local retailer, artist, fashion designer or publication. 9 p.m. 1150 Queen St. W.

THE EX Petula Clark, who was part of the musical British Invasion of the 1960s, is performing at The Ex's Bandshell tonight at 7:30 p.m. Visit theex.com for more information.

ART This is the closing week of the exhibit Universal Code at The Power Plant, 231 Queens Quay W. The show examines art and cosmology in the information age. Visit thepowerplant.org for more information.

- Have an event you would like to see listed? Send an email to listings@metronews.ca or tweet it to @metrotoronto

In brief

NEW RELEASE Bob Dylan is releasing his first Christmas album and, in the spirit of the holiday season, will donate his royalties to charity. Columbia Records says Christmas in the Heart will be released Oct. 13. Dylan's U.S. royalties will go to the organization Feeding America. It's estimated that will help feed 1.4 million families during the holidays. The 68-year-old singer says it's a "tragedy" that people go to bed hungry, and he hopes he can bring "food security" to people in need.

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Cibrian affair made public
It was only a matter of time. With his affair with LeAnn Rimes now public knowledge, On Monday, Eddie Cibrian filed for divorce from his wife of eight years, Brandi Glanville. METRO WORLD NEWS

Buskers hit the street

HANNAH ZITNER
for Metro Canada

Fire-throwers, unicyclists and contortionists will be entertaining their way through downtown Toronto this weekend for the 10th annual street performance festival, Buskerfest.

The festival, which has grown immensely since it began with roughly 20 performers in 2000, is now juggling 100 entertainers from around the world and anticipates a crowd of more than a million.

"It started out on the tarmac in front of city hall where the sun would beat down and you were guaranteed a sunburn after 40 minutes. It wasn't ideal but it was the beginning routes," recalls veteran performer Peter Jarvis who has been in the festival since it began.

Jarvis, known for his act as a mechanical Elvis in a silver holographic suit performing outside the Queen Street entrance of the Eaton's Centre, says the festival's producers have now "got it right."

"They know how to work with the street performers who have very specific needs. Some need certain amplification, some need certain size of area, they need to be fed properly, they need proper accommodation… So if a fest knows how to treat performers deservedly — like anyone else's job — they get so much more out of the performers.

"Once you've got that down, it's a win," he says from his downtown home wearing a Silver Elvis hat and Port Credit Buskerfest t-shirt while newspaper clippings and images of his act are sprawled on the patio table.

The festival, which includes performers from Australia, Canada, Japan, Portugal, Russia and the U.S. begins today (Thursday) and runs until Sunday at the St. Lawrence market. Highlights include Jarvis's kitschy Elvis simulation; Australia's Al Millar as The Human Knot (voted People's Choice for the past three years); and Kalin Davidson's new three-person act PyRomeo and Fueliette, a fiery twist on Shakespeare's classic love story.

For more information on Buskerfest, visit toronto-buskerfest.com

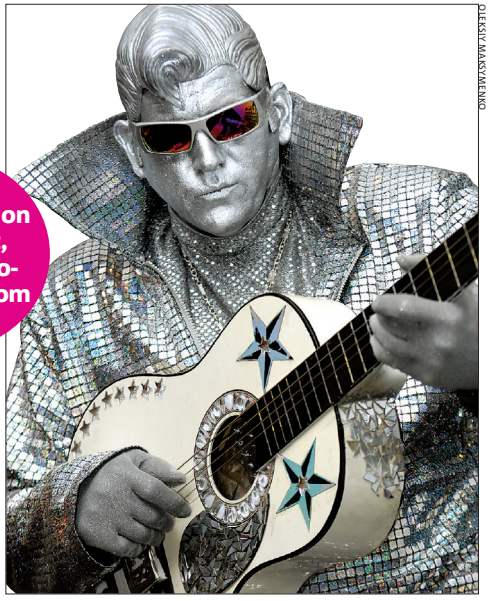
Davidson, 27, who was in the festival as a solo act last year, says large-scale street performance festivals help vitalize and legitimize the profession. With increased exposure to the art, it's easier to become a variety entertainer as more institutions are teaching the skills.

"Busking is one of the last honest professions because you're paid what you're worth. And if you do a terrible, show…"

Nevertheless, making mistakes is all part of the show.

And according to Silver Elvis and PyRomeo, one measure of busking success is the ability to use those mistakes and make people laugh.

Although there's a chance of showers over the weekend, festival organizers say shows will go on, "rain or shine."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Peter Jarvis, a.k.a. Silver Elvis, is set to perform at Buskerfest.

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Beau to guest star on The Closer

Beau Bridges will guest star in one episode of TNT cop drama The Closer. Bridges will play George Andrews, a former partner of Provenza (G.W. Bailey). Andrews returns to help close a case that has been turned over on appeal. TVGUIDE.COM

Perez' day in court

PEREZ HILTON

In this image released by Perez Hilton, the blogger is shown with an injury under his eye which he alleges is from being punched by Black Eyed Peas manager Polo Molina. Marks on his forehead and temple are pink paint he wore to the MuchMusic Video Awards.

Perez assault case put over until Sept. 16

CELEB SCRAP The assault case involving the manager of the Black Eyed Peas and celebrity blogger Perez Hilton has been put over until next month. Liborio (Polo) Molina faces an assault charge for allegedly striking Hilton outside a Toronto club on June 22.

Molina didn't appear in court yesterday as the case was adjourned until Sept. 16. He allegedly punched Hilton, whose real name is Mario Lavandeira, following a heated argument between the blogger and Black Eyed Peas leader will.i.am at a party after the MuchMusic Video Awards. In the ensuing days, Hilton and will.i.am insulted each other online. Hilton filed a civil lawsuit against Molina, seeking more than $25,000 US for alleged battery and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The suit states Hilton is seeking to protect his rights to free speech and claims Molina attacked him because he criticized the Black Eyed Peas' new album, The E.N.D.

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Nameless bloggers, beware

Case involving Canadian model shows that anonymous cyber trash-talkers can't hide

Anonymous bloggers who like to trash talk online should brush up on the latest cyber etiquette, say legal experts.

The recent case of a Canadian model who won a court battle to reveal the identity of a nasty name-calling blogger should be a wake-up call about the legal implications of sharing derogatory opinions online, said lawyer David Fewer of the Canadian Internet Policy and Public Interest Clinic.

"It should be an eye opener for most people," Fewer said. "They are not nearly as anonymous on the Internet as they think they are."

Liskula Cohen, a former model for Vogue and Flare magazines, won a court order in New York that forced Google to unmask the identity of a blogger, who had called her a "skank" and made other off-colour comments about her online.

Cohen has since dropped a multimillion lawsuit against the blogger, saying it wouldn't add anything to her life. Meanwhile, the blogger, Rosemary Port, is suing Google for violating her privacy by revealing her name.

Fewer said Canadian courts, as well as courts in many other jurisdictions, will likely give people the opportunity to launch similar court battles to reveal the secret identity of an online persona or the person behind an online publication.

"If you've got a non-frivolous legal claim you are entitled to your day in court," said Fewer, acting director of the clinic, based at the University of Ottawa.

Cohen's lawyer, Steve Wagner, said the case has struck a chord with people and he expects to see more of them end up in court.

"It goes well beyond just trash talking," he said from New York. "It's sort of a clarion call that you can't do this anymore (with) impunity. Defamation in virtual reality is the same as in actual reality."

New York lawyer Parry Aftab said one of the reasons that Cohen's case has become so high-profile is because she is a model, but lawyers and police routinely request and get information about the real identities of anonymous Internet users.

"(This case is) sort of a clarion call that you can't do this anymore (with) impunity. Defamation in virtual reality is the same as in actual reality."
Steve Wagner, lawyer

There aren't many ways to hide on the Internet, she added. "The only way to be anonymous online is if you are truly hacker grade and you leave no trace of cyber bread crumbs behind you," she said.

Controversial Canadian blogger Kathy Shaidle, the voice behind Five Feet of Fury, said she has always posted under her real name and believes others should too.

"It's like when you wear a mask to a party or when you wear a disguise or costume," said Shaidle, who blogs about topics such as politics, media and religion, and has been sued for libel in the past.

"You become a different person ... the tone of the discourse changes because you think you can say whatever you like."

Fewer added that he would "hate to see a chill" put on fair comment and criticism. He also noted that in some cases, such as whistle-blowing on an employer or government, the privacy of an individual usually does need to be maintained.

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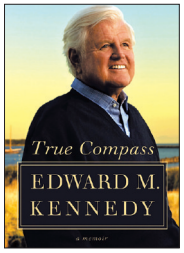
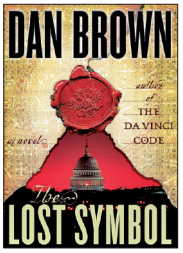
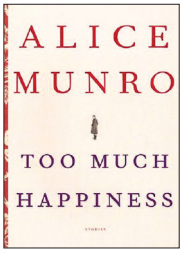
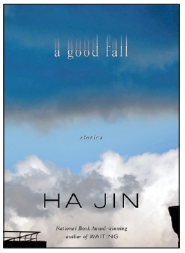
Gossip guys

Get ready for some Gossip guy-on-guy action this fall. In a Season 3 episode of Gossip Girl, Ed Westwick's womanizing Chuck Bass will share a smooch with another male character, according to Entertainment Weekly. TVGUIDE.COM









This fall's book launches include, from left, the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy's memoir True Compass; Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol; Alice Munro's Too Much Happiness; Ha Jin's A Good Fall; and Barbara Kingsolver's The Lacuna.

Fall book forecast: Partly sunny

Industry is cautiously optimistic about sales

Just in time for an especially crowded fall, business seems to be picking up for books. Or at least declining less.

"I feel most people are cautiously optimistic, now that we seemed to have turned a corner," says Simon&Schuster Inc. CEO Carolyn Reidy, who says the past two months have improved noticeably over a rough first half of 2009.

"It's not that we're back to the extremely strong sales of more than a year ago, but we're trending upward. After taking our expectations down for so long, we're finally taking them up."

"Cautious optimism, that's the right phrase," says Jonathan Burnham, publisher of the Harper imprint of HarperCollins, which had an especially poor second quarter of 2009. "One never knows when we're completely out of the woods, but there's a sense of gradual upward progress."

The Association of American Publishers, which had been reporting declines for much of the year, finally had some good news last week, announcing a 21.5 per cent sales increase for June. Barnes&Noble Inc., which has been hurt by online competition and discount stores, reported a five per cent revenue drop for the three months ending Aug. 1, but expects a smaller decline in the fall.

After months when Stephenie Meyer appeared to be the only author anyone wanted to read, publishers and booksellers have noted new hits such as Thomas Pynchon's Inherent Vice, Richard Russo's That Old Cape Magic and Pat Conroy's South of Broad.

"It's still quite a difficult marketplace ... but there's clearly a little bit more enthusiasm," John Sargent, CEO of Macmillan, says. But if the fall is a bust, he says, blame it on the economy. It would be hard to blame the industry for failing to offer anything to buy.

Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol, his first novel since The Da Vinci Code, is just the start. New fiction is due from Richard Powers, Alice Munro, E.L. Doctorow, Diane Gabaldon, Stephen King, John Grisham, Audrey Niffenegger, Jonathan Lethem and Lorrie Moore.

Other highlights: Barbara Kingsolver's The Lacuna, Ha Jin's A Good Fall, Wally Lamb's Wishing and Hoping, essay collections by Chinua Achebe and Zadie Smith, and a memoir by Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Michael Chabon. Novels are coming from Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk and perennial Nobel candidate Philip Roth. The top nonfiction book is the late Sen. Ted Kennedy's True Compass, the most anticipated work ever by or about a Kennedy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

M. Night Shyamalan movie is set to relocate to Toronto

FILM Director M. Night Shyamalan says he will move production of his new thriller Devil from his hometown of Philadelphia to Toronto because Pennsylvania can't guarantee his film will get a tax credit.

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M. Night Shyamalan

The state's budget, which includes new tax legislation, has been tied up in the Democratic-controlled House and Republican-controlled Senate for nearly two months.

"We've been working closely with the production company and we're hoping they'll show up here in the fall," Toronto film commissioner Peter Finestone told the Toronto Star. "The director wanted to shoot in Philadelphia but the tax credit status there was not secure."

Finestone said Devil's producers "wanted assurances from us that our film tax credit situation wouldn't change, and we were able to guarantee it wouldn't."

The only event that might keep Shyamalan in Philadelphia is if the publicity over the move causes a break in the Pennsylvania budget impasse, Finestone added.

Shyamalan lives near the Philadelphia suburb of Malvern and has filmed eight of his nine movies in Pennsylvania, including The Sixth Sense, starring Bruce Willis.

Last month, Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan announced that the province was sweetening its film tax credit by $80 million to stop productions from moving to Quebec, which also offers generous film tax credits.

Devil might not be the only bonus for Toronto flowing from Pennsylvania's budget uncertainty. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports that another film, Destination Home, about a wealthy family facing adversity during the recession, has cancelled plans to start production in Philadelphia in September. Producers are looking at alternate locations including Toronto. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE AND THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Corner Gas snubbed by Gemini

Corner Gas creator and star Brent Butt says it's "kinda goofy"' that his celebrated show has been snubbed by the Geminis this year. Nominations for the awards were announced Tuesday, but Corner Gas did not make the cut in a single category. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hyped site Spotify could be here soon: Founders

The founders of one of the Internet's most-hyped websites say it could soon be available in Canada, offering music fans an unlimited buffet of streamable tunes, free and legally.

Currently available in the U.K., France, Spain, Sweden, Norway and Finland, Spotify is planning to make its service available to Canadians within months, said spokesman Andres Sehr.

"Basically the situation with Canada is that we hope to launch it in tandem with a U.S. launch," he said in an email exchange.

"Music licensing is handled on a North American basis and we're currently working on that and plan to launch at the end of this year or early 2010."

Music streaming isn't a new concept, but Canadian users have typically been shut out of the largest sites online, including We7 and Pandora, which operates as an Internet radio and music recommendation service.

Streaming has become increasingly popular around the world as an alternative to illegal downloading, which has recently resulted in astronomical legal penalties.

"Music licensing is handled on a North American basis and we're currently working on that and plan to launch at the end of this year or early 2010."
Andres Sehr

The British government warned this week that it may cut people off the Internet for repeated illegal downloading of films and music. Spotify is being raved about by its users as the best of the streaming bunch, and recently got some high-placed praise from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, who posted on his profile, "Spotify is so good."

The site offers what sounds like a music fan's high-tech fantasy: the ability to type the name of a song — virtually any song — into a search field and have the tune almost instantly retrieved and ready to play, completely free and legally.

Spotify gives users three choices: free, unlimited streaming access to the site's millions of songs, although the music is interspersed with ads; the ability to buy an ad-free day pass for a nominal fee; or a monthly subscription for full access to the music archive, without any ad annoyances and with some additional bonuses, like better sound quality.

For those who can't wait for Spotify to open up in Canada, there's already one competitor open for business, which has largely remained under the radar, even though it's attracted an estimated 200,000 users.

Grooveshark.com boasts that it lets you "play any song in the world, free," which isn't entirely true, but doesn't seem far off the mark. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Brad and Carrie's CMA encore

Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood will return as co-hosts of the Country Music Association Awards in Nashville this fall.

The CMA said this week that both singers possess the humour and timing needed to host the three-hour show, which airs live on ABC Nov. 11.

The pair, two of country's most popular young stars, hosted for the first time last year.

"We didn't know what to expect the first time. We had no idea," Underwood said. "Things are different from year to year, but the overall layout — we've got it down."

The host slot has been something of a revolving door since the affable Vince Gill ended a 12-year run in 2003. Brooks&Dunn hosted from 2004-2006, and in 2007 the CMA experimented with no host as multiple artists presided over different segments.

Seated beside each other, Paisley and Underwood said they wrapped up last year's show hoping to be invited back.

"We trust our instincts a little more now," Paisley said. "When they ask you to host and you've never done it before, it could be really bad. We all know of situations in various awards shows where that hosting thing didn't work very well."

"We've all sat through crickets," Underwood added. "Someone said something that was supposed to be a joke, and it's like, 'What are they talking about?'"

Last year, both singers performed during the broadcast, and both accepted major awards during the program: Paisley won male vocalist of the year and Underwood won female vocalist of the year.

"I think being the host made the award and performing part easier," said Underwood, who has five CMA awards, including three consecutive wins as female vocalist. "If your award — the one you really want to win — is at the end of the show, you're going to be sitting there for two and a half hours thinking about that award. We had so much other stuff to do."

Paisley, who has 11 CMA awards, thinks he and Underwood did a good job last year — no jokes that bombed, no bloopers and no wardrobe malfunctions. And knowing what to expect the second time around can only help.

"I think we can get away with some more stuff," Paisley said.

But in the end, Paisley said he and Underwood they complement each other well.

"You can have her out there with all this class and dignity and bring someone on the way they deserve," he said. "And then they can have somebody like me out there where that unfortunate performer gets gypped."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOM BURNS/GETTY IMAGES

Country singers Brad Paisley and Carrie Underwood, seen here announcing the nominees at last year's Country Music Association Awards, will again host the televised ceremony on Nov. 11.

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The View From Here

It's not easy having a crusader in the family, as Nina Beveridge illustrates in "The Idealist: James Beveridge, Film Guru," a portrait of her father. A co-founder of the National Film Board of Canada, Beveridge was dedicated to making political films that he hoped would lead to change. But his dedication to his career left him little time for his family. Was it worth it? 8 PM on TVO

NFL Preseason Football

An intrastate rivalry gets revisited tonight at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla., where the Buccaneers host the Miami Dolphins. Chad Pennington and the Fish hope to build on a surprising 11-5 2008 season that saw them win the AFC East. As for the Bucs, 9-7 in '08, they're starting over after firing coach Jon Gruden and blowing up their roster, a response to a disheartening season-ending loss to the Oakland Raiders that caused them to miss the playoffs. 8 PM on FOX

In brief

CAREER AND BUSINESS MOVE

Outspoken venture capitalist Kevin O'Leary, best known as one of the five "dragons" on CBC-TV's Dragon's Den, will join forces with former BNN SqueezePlay host Amanda Lang to helm a new business show on CBC Newsworld. The new series will air weekday afternoons this fall. Other changes at the network include an expanded political show from Ottawa, featuring Evan Solomon, and a new prime-time show anchored by Mark Kelley.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEWFOUND INTEREST A&E says a previously announced documentary about members of the Jackson family will be expanded into a reality series. The original special focused on brothers Jackie, Tito, Jermaine and Marlon Jackson as they prepared for a concert tour. An A&E spokesperson said initial filming wrapped before Michael Jackson's death, but he didn't participate in the show. No other details on the premiere date or number of episodes has been specified.

TV RATINGS For the week of Aug. 17-23, NBC's America's Got Talent again held the two top slots in prime time last week, as viewers flocked to see performers vying to advance to the show's semifinal round. It drew an audience of 11.88 million viewers in the U.S.

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Gosselin's new TV gig
Embattled reality TV mom Kate Gosselin will be a guest host on ABC's The View on Sept. 14 and 15, people.com reports. She will be filling in for Elisabeth Hasselbeck, who is on maternity leave. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Pair had violent past, court docs show

ON RECORD Court documents reveal Rihanna and Chris Brown had two previous violent episodes before the Feb. 8 fight, which ultimately led to Brown's arrest and felony conviction, people.com is reporting.

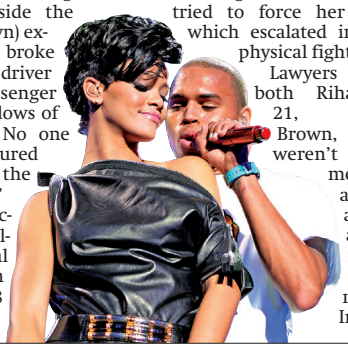
Rihanna allegedly slapped her then-boyfriend Brown in a heated argument three months prior to the February incident, according to Brown's probation review released Tuesday.

In that fight, which occurred in Europe, documents say the couple "were involved in a verbal dispute and (she) slapped (him)." Brown "responded by shoving her into a wall."

A second fight occurred about three weeks prior to the Feb. 8 incident.

Brown and Rihanna "were visiting Barbados and were driving a Range Rover loaned to them," according to the documents. "They had an argument inside the car. (Brown) exited and broke the front driver and passenger side windows of the car. No one was injured during the incident."

The documents also reveal that in the Feb. 8 incident, which began after Brown allegedly received a text message from a previous lover, that Rihanna "said she became 'enraged' and slammed both of her fists against the dashboard." Brown then pulled the Lamborghini over and tried to force her out, which escalated into a physical fight.



Lawyers for both Rihanna, 21, and Brown, 20, weren't immediately available for comment. In a June 26 interview with his probation officer, Brown stated that since the Feb. 8 fight, he had been very "depressed." Brown stated he grew up watching his mother being physically abused and said he did not want to "carry on that cycle."

Brown repeatedly told the officer he regretted the incident, and said he initially wanted to plead guilty right away, but his attorney advised against it.

Brown was formally sentenced Tuesday to six months of community labour, five years probation, and was ordered not to contact Rihanna for the next five years, people.com reports.

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Justice will be served: La Toya

AVENGER? La Toya Jackson has called for "justice to be served" following her brother's death, female-first.co.uk reports.

Michael Jackson's sister is "relieved" court documents have revealed his death is being treated as a homicide, weeks after she publicly declared "shadowy members" of his entourage had murdered him.

She said in a statement: "I am thankful to the investigators for uncovering the truth to the world. I look forward to the day that justice will be served to all the parties involved in my brother's homicide."

Although Jackson's statement was brief, fans will be able to hear her full views on Michael's passing next month. She is set to give her first interview since his death on June 25 to Barbara Walters on 20/20 on Sept. 11.

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LiLo to televise career relaunch?

DOCUMENTED Lindsay Lohan is sure of at least one thing about her attempt at a career comeback: It would make compelling television.

The actress is reportedly in talks with Britney Spears' manager, Larry Rudolph, to develop a reality show about Lohan's troubled life.

"Rudolph is helping Lohan with a potential reality show that will encapsulate her trials and tribulations as she gets back on her feet and actually becomes a working actress again," a source told Fox News.

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Celebrity tweets

Paris Hilton reveals her Secret for success, Miley Cyrus keeps up on all the obscure holidays so you don't have to and Russell Simmons dishes out advice on improving your yoga technique.

• @parishilton What a long day! So tired, in bed reading The Secret, such an amazing book. This is my third time reading it. I really do believe in it. :)

• @mileycyrus Happy National Dog Day! Woof Woof!

• @UncleRUSH A great yogi says in difficult poses u should practice "having joyful eyes". So Soften the face ... Smile and breathe!!

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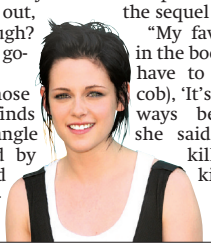
Even film breakups are hard: Kristen

SO SENSITIVE Kristen Stewart doesn't take breakups lightly — even those on film, people.com reports.

"Everything in our movie, it's such a heightened version of reality," the Twilight star, 19, told MTV News. "People don't just break up (in the films) — they break up and it literally kills you. It's not like you just say, 'Oh, I'm really depressed and crying.' I always had a really hard time figuring out, 'Am I doing enough? Do I look like I'm going to die?'"

Stewart — whose character Bella finds herself in a love triangle with Jacob (played by Taylor Lautner) and Edward (Robert Pattinson) — says she struggled when she had to film a specific scene for the sequel New Moon.



"My favourite line in the book is when I have to say to (Jacob), 'It's him; it's always been him!'" she said. "Yeah, it killed me. It killed me."

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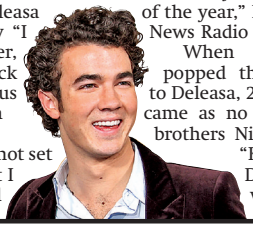
Winter wedding bells for Kevin?

PLANS UNDERWAY Kevin Jonas and his fiancée Danielle Deleasa will likely say "I do" this winter, his brother Nick revealed, us magazine.com reports.

"They have not set a date yet, but I think that it'll be sometime around the end of the year, beginning of the year," he told ABC News Radio on Monday.



When Kevin, 21, popped the question to Deleasa, 22, in July, it came as no surprise to brothers Nick and Joe. "Kevin and Danielle were on the beach walking, and Joe was like, 'Oh, they're gonna get married,'" he said. "A couple years later, they were engaged and now we're here."

Nick said he doesn't know if he or Joe will serve as best man to Kevin: "He's working it all out, but we'll see what happens."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Oksana and Mel's baby a girl

ON THE WAY Mel Gibson took Oksana Grigorieva, his pregnant girlfriend, out for a romantic lunch in L.A. recently, the Daily Mail reports, and a source said they couldn't be happier: "She's a very calming girl and will be a stabilizing influence on him."

Grigorieva recently revealed that their child — Gibson's eighth — will be a girl.

METRO WORLD NEWS

No baby on board, Anna says

RUMOUR MILL Anna Paquin is not annoyed with false reports that she's having a baby. In fact, a very special part of her body is downright "flattered" by the suggestion, popeater.com reports.

The True Blood star joked to Extra: "My uterus is really flattered that everyone cares, but sorry, no occupants."

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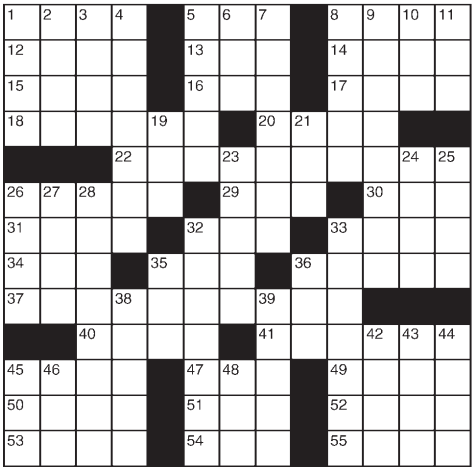

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12 Places
13 Group of scenes
14 Acknowledge
15 Unoriginal one
16 Geese-in-flight formation
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26 Make one
29 Speck
30 Feedbag morsel
31 Logical
32 Wrestling victory
33 Carvey or Delany
34 Citric drink
35 Pendulum site?
36 Brave
37 Office equipment
40 Chess piece
41 Gunman's missile
45 Connections
47 Egos' counterparts
49 Tiny bit
50 Drudgery
51 Poolroom stick
52 Wound cover
53 On the — (unfriend-ly)
54 Bart, to Homer
55 Throw

DOWN

1 Balkan native
2 Arizona tribe
3 Big name in desktop PCs
4 He can hold his head high
5 Destruction
6 Blackjack component
7 Cowboy hat
8 — New Guinea
9 Cold-weather gear
10 Cauldron
11 Ram's mate
19 Festive
21 Frequently
23 Archie's wife
24 Catches some rays
25 Remain
26 Mil. branch
27 Zilch
28 Unskilled
32 Eaters' outings
33 Swordplay specialist
35 Manhandle
36 Wildebeest
38 Mardi Gras "faces"
39 Peer Gynt playwright
42 Crazy
43 H H H, in Greece
44 Surveillance
45 Pair
46 Debtor's letters
48 Pair

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		3					6	5
	8	4		1	5			
1			3					
8		2	5		9			
	3						8	
			4		6	3		7
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			8	9		2	1	
7	1					9		

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

9	5	2	7	6	1	4	3	8
6	7	8	9	3	4	1	5	2
1	4	3	2	5	8	6	7	9
4	3	7	8	9	2	5	6	1
5	6	9	1	4	3	8	2	7
2	8	1	6	7	5	3	9	4
7	9	4	5	1	6	2	8	3
3	2	6	4	8	9	7	1	5
8	1	5	3	2	7	9	4	6

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Metro Recipe of the Day

SARAH POMPER

Peaches & Poppy Seed Sour Cream Pancakes

Submitted by Loreene Jalbert, New Westminster, B.C.

INGREDIENTS:

2 tbsp (30ml) butter, melted
2 cups (500ml) all-purpose flour
1/4 cup (50ml) granulated sugar
2 tbsp (30ml) poppy seed
1 tbsp (15ml) baking powder
1/2 tsp (2ml) salt
2 eggs
1 1/2 cups (375ml) milk
1 cup (250ml) sour cream
1 tsp (5ml) vanilla
Butter for cooking pancakes

METHOD:

1. Peel peaches and slice into thin wedges.
2. In microwave, melt 2 tbsp butter in small bowl.
3. In large bowl, with fork, stir flour with sugar, poppy seed, baking powder and salt. Make a well in centre.
3. In medium bowl, whisk eggs with milk, sour cream, melted butter and vanilla. Pour into well in flour mixture and stir until evenly mixed(but do not beat mixture).
4. Melt 1 tsp butter in frying pan over medium heat. Pour batter, making silver-dollar size pancakes, or use 1/4 cup measure to pour batter. Top each pancake with 1-4 peach wedges, pushing peaches into batter. Cook until pancake surface is covered in bubbles and edges start to brown, 2-3 minutes. Turn pancakes over and cook 2-3 minutes until golden brown.
5. Place cooked pancakes on plate and keep warm in low temperature oven while cooking rest of pancakes. Serve pancakes with pure maple syrup.

SERVES 4
PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You may be tempted to tell someone what they want to hear, but you won't be doing them, or yourself, any favours.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
The more a friend tries to match you up with someone you're not interested in the more you must say no.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You can't decide about a money matter. But forget how much is in your bank account and just do what feels right.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Try to stay calm today and, if at all possible, stay out of the way of people who rub you up the wrong way.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You may not trust a certain individual but is your suspicion grounded in fact or is it merely a reflection of your prejudices?

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Avoid getting involved in other people's disputes today, especially if you would like to stay friends with both parties.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Whatever you lose today or tomorrow you will make up for over the coming weekend, so there is really no need to worry.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
With Venus, planet of harmony, transiting the career area of your chart, you'll do better to empathize with colleagues.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
Your options may be limited at the moment but soon conditions will change and you can start moving forwards again.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Someone's trying to get you to do things that are to their advantage but not to yours. Don't be fooled by their act.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
The cosmic setup is pushing you to do more at work, and that's good, but don't end up exhausting yourself.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You don't like to turn people away when they ask for help, but watch out today as others aim to get rich at your expense.

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Delivery and destination charge includes freight, P.D.E., dealer admin fees and a full tank of gas. ◊At purchase financing available O.A.C. from Hyundai Financial Services on 2009 Elantra/2009 Elantra Touring/2009 Accent/2009 Santa Fe/2010 Sonata models with a finance rate of 0%/0%/0%/0% for 36/36/48/48 month owners surveyed in February-May 2009. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com. †Fuel economy comparison based on combined fuel consumption rating for the 2010 Sonata GL auto (8.0ZL/100km) and 2009 EnerGuide combined fuel consumption ratings for the full size vehicle class. Fuel Consumption for 2010 Sonata GL automatic (HWY 6.2L/100km, 46 mpg; CITY 9.5L/100km, 30 mpg) is based on manufacturer testing. 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